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Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends
Vassalboro, Maine

Recorded Minutes
beginning January 1977

January 30, 1977

Jan. '77 Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened on January 30, 1977 following meeting for worship. Clerk Frank Edmondson presided. The December minutes were read and approved with one correction. The Treasurer presented the following reports:

Cash on hand	0
Checking account	222.92
Savings "	1181.61
Total	$1404.53

Report for 1976 –

Received	$5193.74
Paid out	4973.89
Balance	$219.85

He noted that a budget committee meeting should be scheduled before the next monthly meeting.

Furnace The progress of the new furnace was reviewed. The Property Committee is asked to see that the necessary parts and supplies for installing it are purchased and stored in the furnace room to be ready whenever it is possible to get the work done.

A letter has been received from the First Baptist Church of Waterville in response to our letter of transfer

Transfer of Mae Cates Smith

for Mae Cates Smith. She is now enrolled as a member of that church and her name should be removed from the rolls of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

Transfer of Herbert & Coralene Cates

A letter was read from Herbert and Coralene Cates asking that their membership be transferred to Calvary Temple where their activities are now centered. The Meeting approved their request and the Clerk will write to Calvary Temple.

Q. M. reps.

The following representatives were appointed to the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Vassalboro on Saturday, February 5: Paul Cates, Maxine Robbins, Gerald Robbins, Ben Cates, Mike Yates.

The annual report on the spiritual condition of the meeting is due by March 1. Ministry and Counsel will work on this and present it at the next monthly meeting.

Roll call letter

The annual roll call letter will be put together by a committee consisting of Paul and Elisabeth Cates, Stephen Robbins, and Bob Rowe.

Youth Program

Paul Cates reported in Bob Rowe's absence on the progress of the youth program of recreation which has a continuing nucleus of young people meeting at the Grange Hall.

1/30/77
Oak Grove

Mention was made of recent developments at Oak Grove-Coburn where there are indications of some renewal of interest in Quakerism, with encouragement from the Headmaster, Mr. Steinberg.

Sunday School

Irma Simon spoke of the difficulties faced by the Sunday School and asked that the Meeting think very seriously of what it really wants. She urged that the Sunday School committee be separate, rather than included as a function of Ministry & Counsel, as it was not possible to devote enough time to Sunday School matters in the general committee.

Nominating Committee

The following Nominating Committee was appointed to report to the next monthly meeting: Irma Simon, Edna Oates, Annette Yates, Paul Cates. This committee is asked to consider the following points as they re-designate committees and officers:

(a) A separate First Day School Committee
(b) Rotation of terms for committee members (i, e, nominations to be made for one, two, and three year terms).

Time of meeting

A question was raised as to the regular time for Monthly Meeting. The third Sunday of each month was reaffirmed as the regular meeting time.

1/30/77 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

2/27/77 February 27, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Clerk Frank Edmondson on First Day, February 27, 1977 following meeting for worship. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$63.87
Checking acct.	111.28
Savings acct.	1,086.86
Total	$1,262.01

Frank Edmondson reported that the new furnace has been set aside at the suppliers awaiting volunteers to help get it in. Several volunteered to help.

Budget The Finance Committee reported that the annual finance report has been audited and filed. The Committee presented a proposed budget for next year which was discussed and accepted by the meeting. Appreciation was expressed to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee for the work they had put into this.

2/27/77

spiritual condition

A proposed spiritual condition report for the Meeting, developed by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, was read and approved with certain revisions.

Roll Call Sunday was set for March 20th, which will also be the date of the next monthly meeting.

Easter plans

The question of whether to join with other local churches in an Easter sunrise service and breakfast was discussed. The general feeling seemed to be that it might be better to have our own breakfast but that a joint sunrise service would be feasible. Decision was left for the next meeting.

Sunday School

The Sunday School situation is stabilized for the moment with Paul Cates teaching the younger group, the older groups continuing as before. Paul suggests that others might like to contribute special programs for the Sunday School occasionally.

Committees

Irma Simon presented a new committee list as proposed by the Nominating Committee. She emphasized that anyone who prefers a different assignment, or anyone not listed who would like to serve on a committee get in touch with her. The Nominating Committee decided against rotation of terms since the

2/27/77 group is so small. The list of committees for the coming year is as follows:

Committees of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting
(as of February, 1977)

Property & Finance

Jean Cates
Margaret Cates
Ralph Kent
George Cates

Gerald & Maxine Robbins
Frank Edmondson
Mike Yates
George Keller

Hospitality

Edna Cates
Elizabeth Cates
Joyce Rowe

Effie Cates
Lillian Haskell

Ministry and Counsel

Malvena Robbins
Eleanor and Robert Wilson
Mildred Keller
Annette Yates

Stephen Robbins
Ernest Reed
(Paul Cates (ex off.)

Religious Education

Paul and Elizabeth Cates
Irma Simon
Ann Cates Edmondson

Maxine Robbins
(Bob Rowles ex-off.)
Joyce Rowe

Clerk. Frank Edmondson
Recording Clerk: Mildred Keller
Treasurer: Gerald Robbins

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a moment of silence, followed by a potluck lunch.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

3/20/77

March 20, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held following meeting for worship on March 20, 1977, with Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding. The minutes were read and approved. It was suggested that George Keller be added to the Property and Finance Committee.

Furnace The new furnace is now in operation. The possibility of insulating the furnace pipes to conserve heat was discussed.

The meeting approved an Easter breakfast for Easter Sunday, April 10, at eight o'clock, to be put on by the men.

200th Anniversary The meeting considered plans for celebrating the 200th anniversary of Vassalboro Meeting. Paul Cates suggested, since David Sands who founded the meeting came from Cornwall, New York, Friends meeting, that we invite the Clerk and others from Cornwall to join us. The date is to be set by Ministry and Counsel. The idea of a pageant based on the history of Vassalboro Meeting but including different periods of Quakerism was

3/20/77 brought up. The possibility of purchasing microfilm reels of the minutes of the meeting was suggested, and Stephen Robbins will look into this. The following committee for planning the 200th birthday observation was appointed: Stephen Robbins, Paul Cates, Mahne Robbins, Ernest Weed.

Paul Cates described the acute need for recreational activity in the jails and the lack of equipment for such sports as basketball and volleyball. Mid-Coast Meeting has offered to purchase basketball equipment, and he asked if Vassalboro might be interested in supplying volleyball equipment. George Keller will look into the cost of this.

Sports equipment for jail

Paul suggested that Friends might like to think about a housewarming for the Warren family later in the spring after mud season.

The Treasurer reported as follows.

Cash on hand	$ 25.00
Checking acct.	49.28
Savings acct.	1,021.72
Total	1,096.00

Contributions to Millicent Walker memorial fund — $54.00. The contribution box netted $2.75 to go to the Minute 74 fund.

There being no further business the

meeting adjourned following a period of silence

Mildred O. Keller, Recording Clerk

4/17/77 April 17, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Clerk Frank Edmondson following meeting for worship and a coffee hour, beginning with a period of silence.

The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer reported as follows:

Treas Report

Cash on hand	0.00
Checking account	166.45
Savings bank	621.72
Total	$ 788.17

The sum of $1322.57 was withdrawn from the Fred Pope fund to pay for the new furnace. $200 was sent toward our Yearly Meeting pledge; $97 was paid for insurance, and $81 for snow removal.

Microfilm reels A letter from Thyra Foster in reply to our question about microfilm reels informed us that reels are available covering the history of the Meeting from 1787-1951. There are five reels, amounting to a total of $75. The meeting approved ordering these, with the hope that they will be paid for by contributions. The contribution box will be designated for this purpose for the month.

4/17/77 The total for the Minute 74 collection from last month came to a final amount of $12.75 and has been sent in.

Easter breakfast

The Easter breakfast served by the men was a successful affair, serving 50-60 persons. The men did nobly, and there was no shortage of muffins contributed by the women. It was a happy prelude to the Easter worship which included much special music.

Regarding the matter of volleyball equipment for the prison, George Keller mentioned $50 as a probable amount. The Meeting authorized this purchase, with the suggestion that Paul Cates find out if Mid-Coast Meeting would like to pay half.

Friends were reminded of the retreat April 29-30 with Candy Jones sponsored by the Orono Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting

Quarterly Meeting will be held at Winthrop May 7, with a Spokesman from each Meeting on the topic, "What Do We Have to Proclaim?" Eleanor Wilson agreed to speak as Vassalboro's representative.

The following Friends were appointed as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting: Robert and Eleanor Wilson, Bob Rowe, and Paul Cates.

Paul Cates mentioned that he and the

4/17/77 family will be away on a trip to Germany during the period June 15 - July 13. He suggested that he might try to get previous ministers from Vassalboro Meeting to come during his absence, and the Meeting approved.

old furnace The offer of Gerald Robbins to buy the old furnace for $50 and haul it away was thankfully approved.

There being no further business, ~~the~~ meeting concluded after a brief period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

5/15/77

May 15, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, which was convened by Clerk Frank Edwardson following meeting for worship on May 15, 1977, began with a period of silence. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read. Gerald Robbins, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$50.00
Checking acct.	265.42
Savings acct.	621.72
Total	937.14

The Treasurer noted that the microfilms have recently been received. He indicated that $30 has been collected

5/15/77 thus far toward the total cost of $77.

Prison equipment

Paul Cates mentioned that while the Meeting had offered to buy volleyball equipment for the men confined in the County prison, he noted in his last trip that they were being equipped with some items. Should there still be a need, he suggested that a volleyball be purchased, half being donated by Midcoast Meeting. Paul will notify George Keller in this case.

Supply ministers

During the absence of Paul and Elisabeth and their children on their visit to East Germany in late June, Paul announced that the pulpit will be occupied those Sundays by Malvena Robbins on June 19, Ernest Weed on June 26, Ralph Greene on July 3, and William Bryan on July 10, the latter three being former ministers.

Paul also discussed general plans for the Vassalboro Quaker Bicentennial celebration at the Quarterly Meeting at South China August 13. He noted that visitors are expected from the Cornwall (N.Y.) meeting.

In response to a request from Yearly Meeting about the summer schedule, members approved of continuing at 9:30 a.m. The meeting did not feel prepared to appoint representatives to Yearly Meeting and recommend local members for Yearly

5/15/77 Meeting Committees- The Clerk has been asked to prepare a list and report at the next monthly meeting.

Winston Bradley, a local retired carpenter, was suggested as one to repair the cemetery fence. He will be approached by Ben Cates and Jerry Robbins. Ralph Kent was also suggested to coordinate the lawn mowing.

Paul Cates announced the rummage sale date as July 30 in the Grange Hall.

A concern expressed by Michael and Annette Yates about the appearance of decreasing vitality in the Meeting was considered and referred to Ministry and Counsel.

Another concern about the Meeting's supportive relationship to Annette during her current difficulties about her children was also given serious consideration with possible plans for a shared meeting centered on this concern to be held later.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned after a brief period of silence-

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

6/19/77

June 19, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on June 19, 1977, following meeting for worship. After a moment of silence the minutes were read and approved with one correction.

The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$36.05
Checking acct.	.97
Savings acct.	265.42
total	$302.44

A payment of $200 is due on the Yearly Meeting pledge this month. The amount of $35 has been received toward a total of $77 for the microfilm records.

"History of Vassalboro Friends"

The "History of Vassalboro Friends" has been printed and will be available soon. A bill of $24 for printing was authorized. Friends agreed there should be no charge made for the booklet but donations would be appreciated.

A special meeting was held on May 29 following the regular meeting for worship to share Annette's concern for her children.

It was announced that the Bicentennial Celebration has been postponed until fall. No date has been set.

Friends are asked to contribute toward the cost of lawn mowing this summer.

A letter was read from Nancy Booth expressing Midcoast Meeting's Concern

6/19/77 over money overdue from Quarterly Meeting for Paul's services while Quarterly Meeting worker and for continuing expenses of the Newsletter. Eleanor Wilson has talked recently with Ralph Austin, Quarterly Meeting treasurer, and finds the matter seems to be under control. She will call Midcoast Friends to talk further about it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

7/17/77

July 17, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place following meeting for worship and a social period on Sunday, July 17, 1977, Clerk Frank Lawson presiding. The meeting opened with a moment of silence following which the minutes were read.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$ 00.00
Saving account	495.55
Checking account	88.25
Total	$ 547.80

$ 200 has been sent toward our Yearly Meeting pledge. So far $ 25.75 has been contributed toward the '77 cost of microfilming records.

Ministry and Counsel has been unable
Ministry + Counsel to meet as planned because of the illness
of Eleanor Tilson, convener. Friends are asked
to let Lanette Yates know of concerns
they would like to have considered when
Ministry and Counsel does meet.

Lawn mowing It was agreed to ask Randall Cates,
who has been mowing the lawn voluntarily,
to continue for the summer officially,
with Martin Cates also to take on part
of this responsibility as they mutually agree.

Ben Cates will see about getting someone to do needed repairs on the fence.
A work day for interior work on the building was suggested but no date was set.

The rummage sale to be held
Rummage sale July 30th was discussed. Anne Edmondson
and Paul Cates will take care of posters;
Maxine Robbins and Stephen Robbins
will help with planning and general
arrangements; Margaret Cates will
be in charge of rummage. The Committee
will meet Monday the 18th to make plans.

Members were urged to contribute toward a Grange supper to be held July 23rd with local churches cooperating to raise money for ceiling repairs.

Wedding
of
Nancy Cates
and
Charles
Greenwood Jr.

A request was read from Nancy Cates and Charles L. Greenwood, Jr. to be married August 13th under care of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. The following Committee on Clearness was appointed: Gerald and Maxine Robbins, Robert and Eleanor Wilson. (The Clerk is authorized to appoint others if the Wilsons should be unable to serve.) The same Committee will act as a Committee of Oversight for the wedding August 13th, with the addition of Frank and Anne Edmondson.

Monthly Meeting for August will be held on the 7th after meeting for worship at which time the Committee on Clearness will report.

Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Rufus Jones' death, and mention was made of the possibility of holding Yearly Meeting next year at Oak Grove-Coburn. This will be determined at the coming Yearly Meeting next month.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting were appointed as follows: Ernest and Esther Weed, Margaret Cates, Randall Cates, Robert and Eleanor Wilson.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned following a period of silence, planning to meet on August 7th.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

August 7, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the cottage of Esther Jones and Irma Simon on Aug. 7, 1977. After a picnic lunch the meeting was opened with a period of silence. In the absence of our regular clerks, George Cates was appointed presiding clerk pro tem and Ben Cates recording clerk pro tem. Report of the committee of clearness for the planned marriage of Nancy Cates and Charles Greenwood was favorable. The meeting approved the request and the marriage will be scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on August 13. The Treasurer reported cash on hand - $0, checking acct $334.62, Savings acct $459.55, for a total of $794.17. Receipts from open market were $417.13, less $10 for use of Hall.

Marriage of Nancy Cates and Charles Greenwood

Delegates for Quarterly Meeting will be Robert Cates, Paul Cates, Margaret Cates, Malvern Robbins.

It was noted that John Carman, Prof. of World Religions at Harvard, might be available for a seminar on the weekend of Nov. 4 & 5. This visit was approved, with Paul & Elisabeth Cates to make plans for the weekend.

John Carman seminar

Ben Cates and Gerald Robbins reported that plans are in progress for repairs to the cemetery fence. The suggestion was made for a cedar hedge along the sides and back of the cemetery. This will be investigated further.

Cemetery fence repairs

No further business demanding our attention, we concluded, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Ben Cates - Recording Clerk pro tem

9/18/77

September 18, 1977

The meeting began with a period of silent prayer.

Minutes of the July 17th and August 7th meetings were read and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

The Clerk reported that the fence in the Meeting yard has been repaired and improvements and painting have been done in the Meeting House.

Paul Cates confirmed the coming of John Carman for the weekend of November 4th and 5th. He suggested that Mutual Irradiation by Douglas Steere be used as preparation material and will see that copies are available.

Annette Yates read a petition being circulated by the Organization of Children's Rights, proposing a law which would protect children who are kidnapped or hidden by the non-custodial parent. It was decided to leave the petition at the back of the Meeting so interested Friends could sign it. It would be there for the next two Sundays.

Wedding of Nancy Cates & Charles L Greenwood, Jr.

The Clerk reported that the wedding of Nancy Cates and Charles L. Greenwood Jr. under the care of this Meeting, was duly solemnized and was a lovely ceremony.

9/18/77 A letter from Friends United Meeting, regarding the Joyce Heusel Memorial Fund was read. Approved that we use the contributions placed in the box at the back of the Meeting this month, for our donation to this fund.

The Meeting closed, purposing to meet again October 16, 1977.

/s/ Eleanor L. Wilson
Clerk pro tem

10/23/77 October 23, 1977

The Meeting began with a period of silence. In the absence of Millie Keller, Annette Yates acted as recording clerk.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows:

Cash on hand	$ 0.00	
Savings bank	459.55	
Checking acct.	250.05	
of which	204.00	is in Special Funds
Leaving	46.05	as a working fund

Special funds include:

$135.00	Nancy Barker Memorial
6.00	Joyce Heusel Fund
63.00	Millie Webber Memorial

Recent bills which have been paid were: oil, $44.63; insurance, $97.00; water, $10.25; lawn mowing, $40.00; Yearly Meeting, $200; C.M.P. $5.55;

10/23/77

Monthly Meeting washer, $250.00; church peace materials, $86.40. We can still use contributions to pay off the lawn mowing.

Lawn mowing

Martin Cates requested permission from the Meeting to do lawn mowing next year and this was given.

John Carman retreat plans

A committee for the John Carman retreat was formed, consisting of Bob Rowe, Debbie Robbins, and Paul and Elisabeth Cates. A possible menu of fish chowder and homemade bread (and crackers for variety) plus other light side dishes, was agreed upon, with visiting Friends bringing desserts.

Carleton Cates' transfer back to Vassalboro

A letter of transfer for Carleton Cates from Clintondale Monthly Meeting, Clintondale, N.Y., was read. Frank Edmondson was requested to write a letter of thanks and acceptance, although Lillian Haslam suggested that Carleton's name was still on the rolls of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. In any case, we are delighted to have him back. Carleton is now acting as minister for North Fairfield Monthly Meeting.

A letter from Doug Hollingsworth was read regarding the recent growth of Quaker meetings in Maine. Both Machias and Bar Harbor hope to become monthly meetings sometime during

10/23/77 this winter, which would extend our Quarterly Meeting area to 200 miles. The suggestion was made that there be a second Quarterly Meeting established for Eastern Maine. Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel, and other concerned Friends are requested to consider this suggestion with prayer.

First Day School Our own First Day School possibilities were discussed, both for children and adults, with respect to meeting time and form, the basic idea being that it would be one group for all ages. It was decided to begin at 9 a.m. and go to 9:30, at which time meeting would begin with music.

George Keller volunteered our Meeting for U.N.I.C.F. Halloween collections and that was agreed upon.

Meeting for business closed at 11:40 with a period of silence.

/s/ Annette Yates
Recording Clerk pro tem

11/20/77

November 20, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened on First Day, November 20, following meeting for worship, Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding. After a period of silence the minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$87.35
Checking acct.	137.60
Saving bank	459.55
	$684.50
Special funds	210.12
Total on hand	474.38

Special funds

Joyce Hensel fund —	$12.12
Millie Webber fund —	$63.00
Nancy Bacher fund —	$135.00

Fruitcake project

Frank Edmondson suggested a project which might be helpful to the Meeting in raising funds by selling a minimal number of fruitcakes for a total profit of about $76. He and his brother customarily order a number of these cakes as business gifts, and the net cost to the meeting would be covered by this order of theirs for business purposes. The remainder which would be sold through the meeting would consist of:

6	one lb. cakes to sell @	$2.50
4	two lb. " " " "	$6.00
2	three lb. " " " "	$8.50
2	five lb. " " " "	$13.00

The Meeting approved this project made

11/20/77 possible through the Edmondsons.

John Carman Retreat

Paul Cates reported that the retreat with John Carman had drawn over 50 persons on Friday night and over 30 for the day session on Saturday. Mid-Coast Meeting plans to host a retreat with Lewis Benson in the spring.

Appt. to Yearly Mtg Committees

The following Friends were appointed to serve on Yearly Meeting Committees:

Nominating Committee - Margaret Cates
Ministry & Counsel - Ernest Treed
Finance Committee - Maxine Robbins

These appointments are for a period of two years.

Time of meeting

The suggestion was made that the time of meeting for worship be changed to 10 o'clock, instead of 9:30, to begin immediately. The Sunday School discussion group will continue to meet at 9 a.m.

Deborah Robbins asked permission to use the Meetinghouse on the afternoon of December 4 for a bridal shower for Laura Lee Cates. The meeting approved this request.

Christmas party

Christmas plans were discussed. It was decided to have a family party on December 18th, with monthly meeting followed by a potluck meal after which there would be carol singing and a

11/20/77 exchange of gifts.

Paul Cates reported that Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel considered the suggestion to divide the Quarter into two separate quarterly meetings. It was decided that this is not the appropriate time to do so, though it may very likely take place at some time in the future.

Paul reported that the Yearly Meeting is to sponsor a Youth exchange with Kenya on the order of the Youth Pilgrimage to England.

George Keller spoke of the peacemaker's role of President Sadat of Egypt as he visits Israel and the importance of Friends groups especially to include him in their thoughts and prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

12/18/77 December 18, 1977

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened on December 18, 1977 following meeting for worship, with Ben Cates presiding in the absence of Sarah Edmondson. The meeting began with a period of silence, after which the minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was approved as follows:

12/18/77	Cash on hand	$116.75
	Savings bank	459.55
	Checking acct.	50.46
		$626.76

Profit from the sale of fruit cakes was $88.25. $200 has been sent to the Yearly Meeting to complete our pledge.

Plans for the Quarterly Meeting to be held in Vassalboro February 4th will be discussed at the January meeting.

Death of Bill Olson Word has been received of the death of Bill Olson, a former member of the Meeting, while mountain climbing in New Zealand.

The Meeting decided it would be best to omit the regular Sunday School discussion groups next Sunday (Christmas). The meetings of this Sunday School discussion group will begin at 9:15 sharp starting in January. Meeting for worship will continue at 10:00.

Yellow Pages listing The question was raised as to whether to list the Meeting in the Yellow Pages. The matter of cost will be looked into before deciding.

There being no further business the meeting concluded following a few moments of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

1/15/78

January 15, 1978

Following meeting for worship on January 15, a brief unofficial business meeting was held in lieu of the regular Monthly Meeting, since the Clerk was away and the group attending was small.

Plans for the Quarterly Meeting lunch were discussed. Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on February 4th at Vassalboro will be George and Millie Keller and Debbie Robbins.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

2/19/78

Feb. 19, 1978

Monthly Meeting was held February 19.
Clerk (pro tem) Ben Cates.
Recording clerk (pro tem) Margaret Cates

1. Regrets — Frank Edmondson & Millie Keller.

2- Minutes of the January meeting will be read at the next monthly meeting.

3. It is time for the annual statistical report. This is referred to Lillian Haslam.

Membership application — Sue Haines

4. An application for membership has been received from Susan Haines. A committee of Annette Yates, Margaret Cates, and Maxine Robbins will visit with Susan at a time convenient to all. They will report at the next monthly meeting.

2/19/78

5- We are reminded of the March 17-19 conference re: Indians, and the April 15-16 retreat on "A Call to Simplicity" to be held at the Boardman home in Acton, Mass.

6. The Treasurer reports a balance of $486.66 in the treasury.

7- The budget committee presented its report. The new budget was approved.

Nominating Committee

8. The committee appointed to revise our yearly committees is: Malvina Robbins, Paul Cates, Annette Yates. The revision will remain in effect until Yearly Meeting 1979.

Easter Breakfast

9. It was decided to hold an Easter breakfast on March 26th. The men will be in charge. Ben Cates will coordinate the project.

Roll Call letter

10. The committee nominated for the annual Roll Call letter is: Ralph and Celia Kent, Steven Robbins, and Paul Cates (ex officio).

Spiritual Condition Report

11- The Spiritual Condition Report is due in April. The weekly discussion group will be given the responsibility for preparing this. Paul Cates will see that this is done and will forward to the proper persons.

12. The meeting closed following a period of silent worship.

H Margaret Cates, Recording Clerk pro tem

3/19/78

March 19, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held following meeting for worship and a social time on First Day, March 19, 1978. Clerk Frank Edmondson presided. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Nominating Committee

Some changes were made in recent committee appointments. Paul Cates felt he should not be on the nominating committee nor on the committee to prepare the spiritual condition report. It was agreed to omit Paul from the nominating committee and to add Lillian Haslam and Edna Cates to that committee.

Spiritual condition committee

The discussion group will not be in a position to write the spiritual condition report, and a committee was appointed to do this as follows: Bob Rowe, Sue Haines, Anne and Frank Edmondson, and Malvina Robbins (instead of serving on the nominating committee.

Susan Haines' membership approved

Mamie Robbins reported that the committee appointed to visit Susan Haines to discuss her application for membership has done so. All agreed that she definitely should become a member. She has been active in the Meeting and the Sunday School, and the committee recommends warmly that she be accepted into membership in Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. A copy of this minute will be sent to her.

3/19/78 The Treasurer reported

Cash	0.00
Checking Acct.	289.72
General Savings	63.64
Total	$353.36

China Camp

The Clerk has applications available for Friends China Camp. Friends feel it is important that the monthly meeting be kept informed about China Camp, and Ben Cates and George Keller will try to work out ways to show slides and talk to as many groups as possible.

The Roll Call Sunday will be April 23. Paul will send out the letter.

Ben Cates suggested a musical evening later in the spring, perhaps as a fund-raising project.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned after a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

4/16/78

April 16, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place following meeting for worship on April 16, 1978. Ben Cates served as Clerk pro tem in the absence of Frank Edmondson. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Edna Cates presented the report of the

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Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee. However, since several of those nominated will be unable to serve, the report will be held over until the next monthly meeting for approval.

Q.M. Ministry & Counsel

The appointment of Paul Cates to serve on the Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel for a three-year term was approved, to replace Ben Cates whose term had expired.

Fund-raising

A fund-raising project will be planned for the summer. The last Saturday in July is the preferred date if the Grange Hall is available.

Hymnals

Paul Cate noted that at least ten more copies of the Friends Hymnal are needed. He will report on the price after checking.

Plans were discussed for a musical evening in the spring. Paul and Ben Cates will act as a committee to work out plans.

Budget

Copies of the detailed budget were distributed. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$48.64
Checking Acct.	272.20
Savings acct.	63.64
Total	$384.48

Bills to be paid come to $700 and cash on hand amounts to $385, creating a temporary deficit of $315.00.

The following representatives were appointed to Quarterly Meeting on May 6:

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Q.M. representatives Malvina Robbins, Lillian Haslam, Debbie Robbins, Robert Wilson.

Announcement was made of a Christian Education Workshop to be held May 20 in Dover, N.H. with Caroline Pines in charge.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

5/21/78

May 21, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on May 21, 1978 following meeting for worship with 16 present, starting with a moment of silence.

Appt. of Clerk (B. Cates) & Treas. (G. Robbins) Under continuing old business, the nominating committee announced that Benjamin Cates had consented to take the position of Clerk, and that Gerald Robbins had consented to remain in the position of Treasurer, and both were approved by members present.

committee changes Two changes were suggested and approved: Annette Yates' name was changed from the Property & Finance Committee to that of Ministry & Counsel, and Frank Edmondson's name was added to the committee on Ministry & Counsel.

The date of the annual fund-raising sale was set for July 29, with the following people chosen to head up these areas:
Paul Cates, flowers; Margaret Cates, flea market;

5/21/78 Steven Robbins, vegetables; Elizabeth Cates, food; Annette Yates, publicity; Edna and Effie Cates, refreshment table co-planners.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Maxine Robbins as follows:

Savings acct.	$63.64
Checking acct.	18.26
Cash on hand	261.80
Total	$343.70

Y. M. Delegates Yearly meeting delegates were appointed as follows: Margaret Cates, Ernest Weed, Deborah Robbins.

It was approved to send a list of our membership to Friends General Conference for subscription purposes, as requested. Eleanor Wilson volunteered to type a mailing list for them, in addition to typing mailing stickers requested by those sending out the Quarterly Meeting letter.

Members decided to make a change in the Time of meeting time of meeting for worship for the summer months, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m from June 1 through Labor Day, at which time the 10:00 a.m. schedule will resume. It was decided to send this to the Yearly meeting office as a permanent schedule.

It was decided to serve cookies and punch for the children after church next Sunday, May 28, as an end to Sunday School activities until after Labor Day.

5/21/78 Paul Cates offered to arrange to have Sister Anne Xavier, a Catholic missionary, come to speak to us about her work in India. It was decided to ask her to speak following meeting for worship on June 4.

Next Sunday evening, June 28, at 7:30 we will have a special musical evening. The "Kingsmen" gospel quartet have been invited as special guests, other music being provided by a Cates men's quartet, Gerald and Diane Cates, and Ben Cates, soloist, plus congregational singing. Members are asked to help provide refreshments.

Eleanor Wilson gave us an update on the Christian Civic League, some of whose current work is involved in trying to stop the showing of beer ads in movie theaters.

The Property Committee needs to meet to discuss work on the cemetery. New cemetery lots are needed, and a price decided upon.

Paul Cates spoke on the activities of the area Council of Churches, including plans and ideas for the coming year.

Our new Clerk, Ben Cates, brought our meeting to a close with a period of silent worship.

/s/ Anna C. Edmondson
Recording Clerk pro tem

6/18/78

June 18, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was convened by Clerk Benjamin Cates following meeting for worship on June 18, 1978. The first Query was read, followed by silence.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with one correction. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$437.32
Checking acct.	26.56
Savings bank	63.64
Total	527.52

Several items of correspondence were brought to our attention:

(1) A survey to be filled out for Yearly Meeting, including names of committee representatives. It appears that we are lacking a representative to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. No one present found it possible to take this on.

(2) We were reminded that an equalization fund is available to help with travel to Yearly Meeting in August.

The meeting was reminded of gatherings to be held during the summer, including Friends United Meeting at William Penn College in Iowa, at which Edna Cates and Clarabel Marstaller will be in attendance; Friends General Conference in Ithaca, N.Y., 6/18/78 to which Paul Cates and his family will be going; and Yearly Meeting at Wheaton College in Massachusetts the second week in August.

The Ralph Conant family have asked approval to use the meeting facilities for a wedding next Saturday, June 24, in the event of rain. Approval was given.

Use of Queries — There was a discussion of ways to make greater use of the Queries, possibly as a focus or guideline for the spiritual condition report. Ernest Weed offered to write a paragraph to send to the New England Friend suggesting further uses of the Queries.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned following a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

7/16/78

July 16, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was convened by Annette Yates, Assistant Clerk, in the absence of Paul Cates, following meeting for worship on July 16, 1978. The meeting opened with a period of silence after which the Second Query was read.

Paul Cates expressed a concern to have special emphasis on the life of Rufus Jones during August. He will arrange for special guests in ~~this~~ connection.

The minutes of the June meeting were

7/16/78 read and approved. The Treasurer's report was as follows:

Cash on hand	0.00
Checking acct.	337.62
Savings acct.	63.64
Total	$401.26

E. Boston building

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Meeting a request from a group now using the East Boston meeting house who wish to acquire the deed to that building. Friends were unclear as to the background and implications of this matter, and the Property and Finance Committee is asked to look into it further before giving an answer to the group.

There were announcements on the showing of the film on Maine Indians and on the availability of Beacon Hill Friends House as a residence for younger Friends living in Boston or studying there, as well as providing overnight rooms for visiting Friends.

Plans are under way for the fund raising affair to be held on July 29. Friends are asked to collect items for the flea market and bring them to the meeting house in the meantime.

A note from Doug Hollingsworth called our attention to the Quarterly Meeting to be held at China Camp on August 5 (the date has meanwhile been changed to August 12), 7/16/78 at which Canby Jones will be present.

There was some discussion as to the
use of best use of the Queries. It was mentioned
Queries that if a Query is read at the opening of
Monthly Meeting it could be meditated on
during the brief silent period following.
It was further suggested that each month
a Query might be read during meeting for
worship preceding Monthly Meeting, and a
response formulated in Monthly Meeting as
a basis for the annual spiritual condition
report.

A suggestion was brought from the
Midweek Group regarding the possibility
of a retreat in the fall to discuss and
reassess the spiritual condition of the
Meeting in depth. This will be considered
further at the next monthly meeting.

There being no further business the
meeting concluded with a period of
silence, purposing to meet next month
if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

5/20/78

August 20, 1978

The meeting for business was opened
by Clerk Ben Cates with the reading of
the Third Query and a moment of silence.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read
and the Treasurer's report given:

$ 112.22	Cash on hand
206.55	Checking account
565.41	Savings acct.
$ 884.18	Total

The open market brought in $512.96 of which $500 was deposited in the saving account and the rest in the checking account. $20.00 was paid to the Grange - $15 for the hall and $5.00 for beans.

E. Benton meeting house property

The East Benton meeting house situation was discussed and the property report given. We have a warranty deed on the land (100 ft. sq.) which does belong to Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, rather than Yearly Meeting. The people there built the building themselves without any financial aid ever given by our meeting. The general feeling was that while we would hesitate to turn it over to an individual, we would not be hesitant to release it to a group which is a member of an organized, recognized group. The decision was made to have the Property Committee meet with the group from East Benton for further discussion.

A time was discussed for the showing of the Indian film. The group being unable to arrive at a mutually workable date, the decision was made to have the date somewhat open to Dorothy Grannell, but ask for August 27, 28, 29 or 30th.

The possibility of a spiritual retreat-conference, possibly with Bob Coe leading, was brought up. The discussion during this retreat would center around the spiritual condition of our own East Vassalboro Meeting, sharing our views and desires of what we would like the meeting to be for each of us. September 17th was suggested as a possible date, combined with Monthly meeting (and potluck) for further planning and discussion of this retreat.

Mid-week meeting asked for and received permission to use the church for their meetings. The first meeting would take place Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 pm. The group has previously been meeting in individuals' homes.

Wedding
of G. A. Cates
+ Gail M.
Belanger

A request was read from George A. Cates and Gail Marie Belanger to use the church for their wedding on the 22nd of October. A committee was formed to assist them in forming their plans. The committee consisted of Ursula Takach, Paul Cates, and Maxine Robbins.

A provisional committee was formed by Malvina Robbins and Ben and Edna Cates in case the Parker children wish to discuss their wedding plans.

Alice Whiting would like some sort of commemorative plaque or memento for her uncle to be placed here at the meeting house. Alternate locations were suggested, such as the possible new library. Margaret Cates has agreed to discuss this with Betty Taylor. Alice Whiting has said she would bear the expense of the plaque.

The possibility of having a silent meeting before regular meeting (when the time goes back to 10:00 in the fall) was brought up. It was felt that this could be more fully discussed at the next monthly meeting (with pot luck), as most of our regular members would be back with us then.

Edna Cates brought up the suggestion that each member of the monthly meeting (regular attenders) receive a copy of these minutes so that they will be aware of the important items up for discussion next month. The procedure for this was worked out and the meeting closed after a short period of silence.

Annette Yates, Recording Clerk pro tem

9/17/78

Sept. 17, 1978

The meeting of September 17th was called to order by Clerk Ben Cates after a moment of silence. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Old business reviewed

(1) East Benton. Our Property Committee have not yet met with those of East Benton. The intention was expressed to go and actually view the property.

(2) Cates wedding for Oct. 22. The Clearance Committee has not yet met.

(3) The Parker children (Diane Parker and Richard) are married, but wish a church wedding celebration some time in the future when they are more settled.

(4) Margaret will still talk to Betty Taylor about the plaque for Alice Whiting's uncle, Herbert Goddard.

(5) Treasurer's report:

$59.80	on hand
331.78	checking account
565.41	saving account
$956.99	

(6) Margaret Cates reported that the Meeting House outside porch has been painted (she did it). Irma Simon reported on some needs in the nursery room, mainly the need for a stable bookcase (one which does not fall apart); it should have a backing on it.

9/17/78 Ben suggested the need for a work day at the church. Paul reminded us that we need to clear the bushes, especially near the property line by Paakers, as Mr. Paaker is planning to have his property surveyed. Ben suggested the 7th of October as a good day to aim for.

Speaker system?

(7) Ben has mentioned that several people have said to him that they cannot hear properly during morning worship. We have the money to go ahead with some simple kind of a speaker system. Eleanor Wilson reminded us that the voice quality over a speaker system is changed and some of the spiritual quality is lost. Non-electrical methods were discussed, including moving the benches. The decision was made to try moving the benches first, while perhaps looking into what is available.

(8) Ben mentioned the idea of having the clerk's position be on a rotating basis, to be remembered when we next have elections.

(9) Paul reminded us of the Lewis Benson retreat on October 20-21 at David Hall's lodge in West Bath. You are encouraged to come with or without contributions.
Quarterly Meeting Ministry + Counsel Meeting Oct. 1st at 2 pm at Orland.

antique

(10) We are missing several valuable antiques from the Meeting House. Other antiques remain. The decision was made to leave them there and, hopefully, Donate the house statue to the new library when it is built,

(11) Mid-week meeting:

quality of meeting

Nancy Blair asked is there any interest from the wider meeting in a silent meeting? Or should the meeting for discussion and worship continue as it was? What are we looking for in the quality of our silence in the existing Meeting? Distractions — we have no adequate facilities to care for the children. Sound insulation, by hanging the heavy felt donated by Scott Paper through George Keller. Could be taken care of on the work day (to be gotten up). Later it could be dyed or painted.

The possibility of having the mid-week meeting alternate forms (silent/discussion combination) per week was brought out and it was agreed that this might be a way of "having our cake and eating it too.")

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Annette Yates (sec'y)
Recording Clerk pro tem

10/15/78

October 15, 1978

Monthly Meeting for business was held Sunday, October 15th, following meeting for worship. Bea Cates, Clerk, opened with the reading of the Fourth Query, followed by a moment of silence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read and approved. However, the Treasurer's report was given as follows:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking acct.	0.95
Savings acct.	565.41
	$566.36

Transfer of E. Benton property

Two letters were presented by the clerk, one from the AFSC NE Regional Office presenting a job description for the position of secretary for interpretation and finance, and the other a report of the Friends and Native American weekend conference held at West Falmouth, Mass. last March 17-19.

A report was presented by the Property Committee of their meeting with the East Benton Christian Church concerning the deeding over to them of the property now being used by them, which is still owned by the East Vassalboro Friends Meeting. The East Benton group would finance the transfer of title. The Christian Church is a thriving, growing community church, bringing life to a

10/15/78 building built by earlier Friends, none of whom are living now. There was concern that the property continue to be used for the purposes of Christian service. Therefore, it was agreed by the Meeting to approve the transfer of title of the property to the Christian Church for religious purposes.

Ben Cates, Clerk, extended an open invitation to the marriage of his son, George Allen, to Gail Marie Belanger, to take place at the Meeting House on Sunday, October 22nd at 12:00 noon.

A suggestion was made that Sunday School be gotten under way. A request for volunteers to teach brought no response. It was felt that those interested in the Sunday School should get together for an evening meeting. A tentative date was set.

The meeting closed after a short period of silence.

Erma W. Lymon [illegible]
Secretary pro tem

Excerpt from Minutes of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends Oct. 15, 1978

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Chairman, Property Committee

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Maxine Robbins
Marion Ferguson
Paul C Cates
Lillian Haslam
Irma Simon

11/19/78 November 19, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Ben Cates, Clerk, on Sunday evening, November 19, after a potluck supper. The Fifth Query was read, followed by a few moments of silence.

Minutes of the September meeting were not available. The October minutes were read and approved with one change.

E. Benton transfer The minute having to do with the transfer of the East Benton property to the East Benton Christian Church is to be signed by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee and sent to the lawyer handling the transfer.

The Clerk read a notice of a retreat to be held in December with Allen Cope, Dean of the Earlham School of Religion. He also called attention to a letter from the Minute 60 Committee on Prejudice and Poverty describing their work. He mentioned a request that the editor of Quaker Life, Jack Kirk, be included on the mailing list for newsletters put out by the Meeting, along with Clarabel Marstaller and Thyra Jane Foster.

The Meeting is asked by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Yearly Meeting to give thought to the proposal to establish

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Peace Tax Fund

a Peace Tax Fund, which was presented to the Yearly Meeting in August but not acted upon then. This is not a fund to which local meetings or individuals would be asked to contribute. The Yearly Meeting would hold in its care money given by Friends who wish to withhold a portion of their taxes which would otherwise go to war purposes. It would act as an affirmation of support for those Friends who might not feel they could in good conscience pay taxes for war. The local monthly meetings are asked to consider this matter and send a response by January 1st to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Wedding of George Allen Cates + Gail Marie Belanger

It was noted that the wedding of George Allen Cates and Gail Marie Belanger took place on October 22nd at the Meeting House under the care of the Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer reported:

Savings account	$400.02
Checking account	112.75
Cash on hand	37.00
Total	$549.77

A question was raised as to the relationship of the unprogrammed meeting which has been meeting at 9 a.m. Sunday to the Monthly Meeting. The problem of

11/19/78 possible conflict with the Sunday School time was brought up. The Meeting agreed that there was an urgency in providing some religious education for the children.

Problems of the meeting

This led Friends into a discussion in depth of the difficulties experienced in trying to meet the needs of all the members with their differing backgrounds and viewpoints. Paul Cates proposed that on January 1st he wishes to have any financial support from the Meeting terminated. His and Elisabeth's services would henceforth be given voluntarily in accordance with whatever the wishes of the Meeting may be. He spoke too of the importance of each person's contribution to the life of the Meeting.

A number of Friends then spoke of how they saw the problems which the Meeting must face and the need to re-think the way we have been doing things. It is important to encourage input from members and attenders, but the issues must be looked at separately rather than allowed to become confused. There is need to consider the varied backgrounds and expectations of our members and attenders. What is it that brings us here?

11/19/78 After a period of active and concerned discussion ranging over these matters and others, Friends concurred on the necessity for further discussion, after members have had an opportunity to give thought individually to these questions. There will be a meeting for this purpose on Sunday evening, December 3, at 7 p.m.

After a moment of silence the meeting concluded.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

Special Meeting Dec. 3, 1978

12/3/78 Special Meeting A special meeting of the Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held Sunday evening, December 3, 1978, to continue the study of the future of the Meeting which had begun at Monthly Meeting, November 19. Ben Cates, Clerk, presided and eighteen Friends attended.

Issues It was pointed out that apparently three issues need to be addressed: the manner of worship Friends feel comfortable with, the kind of a Sunday School Friends want to organize for the children (and possibly adults), and what response should be given to Paul Cates' offer to terminate

12/3/78 receiving financial remuneration from the Meeting on January 1, 1979.

Regarding the manner of worship of the Meeting, several possibilities were discussed:

Forms of worship

Continuing as we have with those interested in silent worship meeting at 9 a.m. and those interested in more program at 10 a.m.;

Unprogrammed meeting for 45 minutes followed by 15-30 minutes of program for everyone.

Several appeared to express interest in other possibilities: silent worship only, and programmed meeting only utilizing the services of a pastor.

Referring to the programmed part of a combined type of approach, Friends discussed the sharing of leadership among members. If such an approach were adopted, they said, the Friends who accepted the leadership should be well prepared. *Faith and Practice of New England Friends* and a pamphlet by Douglas Steere were suggested as guidelines.

Among the other concerns voiced during the earlier part of the meeting were: our purpose for meeting; our apparent lack of interest in discussing

12/3/78 spiritual matters informally after meeting; our need as a Meeting to become more involved in social action. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel should be willing to accept more responsibility, all agreed.

Sunday School When the question of reorganizing Sunday School was raised, it was announced that three teachers had offered to assist, suggesting that Sunday School would resume once a decision is reached regarding the Meeting.

Friends approved of setting aside time after meeting December 10 to trim the Christmas tree. They also approved of confining the discussion after Monthly Meeting December 17 to plans to celebrate Christmas on the 24th (including worship, social gathering etc.

In response to a question about his future role, Paul Cates stated that it depends on the needs of the Meeting.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk pro Tem

12/17/78

December 17, 1978

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place on First Day, December 17, 1978, in the meeting house following worship. Clerk Ben Cates opened the meeting with the reading of the Sixth Query, followed by a moment of silence. The minutes of the November meeting and the special meeting of December 3rd were read and approved. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$ 137.00
Checking account	54.80
Saving account	400.02
Total	$ 591.82

$ 200 will be sent to Yearly Meeting as the final payment on this year's pledge.

Peace Tax Fund

The matter of the Peace Tax Fund which had been presented at the November meeting was discussed briefly. The Clerk is asked to send a response to the Yearly meeting indicating that the Monthly Meeting would approve the setting up of such a fund as a supportive measure, although it is not known whether any individuals in the Monthly Meeting would be likely to participate.

The question of further meetings for discussion of the future of the Meeting

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Future of Meeting

was brought up. Friends approved continuing these meetings until some consensus is reached. One Friend expressed a feeling that long discussions are usually fruitless and suggested trying some of the new ideas immediately on the theory that the only way to find whether an idea works is to put it into practice. The response of some Friends present indicated that they feel it is necessary to carry on full discussion until the basic questions are resolved before putting any major change into effect.

Role of Paul Cates

The question was raised as to whether Paul Cates' offer to continue his service without compensation as of January 1st should be given consideration by the Finance Committee. A suggestion was made that the remuneration be continued until some decision has been reached as to the future direction of the Meeting. Paul emphasized that his and Elisabeth's concern is for the entire ministry of the Meeting, including regular messages, Sunday School, and the musical aspect. They feel that having no paid minister would be more of a challenge to the Meeting to assume responsibility as

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individuals. They are willing to continue the same service they have been giving or in whatever fashion the Meeting deems best. Friends spoke of the various functions Paul has been filling, including ministry, communications such as the newsletter, visitation, etc. There was mention of the need for continuity during any process of change. It was pointed out that more preparation is needed if we are to come up with a creative and workable solution. Appreciation was expressed for Paul's willingness to continue without compensation. He responded by emphasizing that his service to the Meeting is a privilege rather than a burden.

Seating arrangements

Friends expressed a desire for a different seating arrangement to promote greater closeness, perhaps in the form of a circle which would encourage an atmosphere of sharing. Others felt the seating was not of much importance one way or the other. Concern was expressed that a change to greater informality would be uncomfortable to some. It was suggested that any change in seating arrangements be postponed until the Meeting reaches some agreement as to what it wishes

12/17/78 to do about the type of worship. A suggestion was also made that a change in seating be made on the Sunday when the next discussion is to take place, by way of an experiment. No agreement was reached at this time.

Friends then discussed plans for celebrating Christmas next Sunday. There was a request that greens be used in decorating. Special music was approved. It was decided to leave the format as usual but to hope that individuals will feel willing to share the concerns brought up in this meeting. The need for more silence was voiced.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded following a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

1/28/79

1/28/79 Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place Sunday, January 28th, following meeting for worship. The meeting had been postponed from the previous week because of a snowstorm. Clerk Zea Cates opened the meeting with a few moments of silence.

1/28/79 The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Treasurer reported that since the books were being audited he did not have the details on hand for a report, but the balance in the general fund is $291.86. The Budget Committee is asked to meet to consider the budget for the next year.

Plans for Quarterly Meeting

Plans were made for Quarterly Meeting to be held at Vassalboro next Saturday, Feb. 3. Representatives from Vassalboro will be Ben Cates, George and Millie Keller, Paul Cates, and Margaret Cates. The dinner committee will be Maurine Robbins, Anne Edmondson, Elisabeth Cates, and Millie Keller.

Plans for Steere weekend

Paul Cates announced that Douglas and Dorothy Steere will be in Maine the weekend of March 16-17. The meeting agreed to host a retreat on Friday night and Saturday, with Orono Meeting to have them for Saturday night and Sunday. Specific plans will be made next month.

Communications included a letter from an unprogrammed meeting which has been started in Lewiston asking to be kept informed of Friends' activities and an announcement of a seminar on

1/28/79 taxes and military spending sponsored by Acadia Friends Feb. 2. The need for volunteers in local hospitals was brought to our attention, also a Music for UNICEF project.

Papers are to be signed this week to complete transfer of the East Beaton property.

Gift from Aurie Austin Clark

A check has been received from Aurie Austin Clark, sister of Ralph Austin, for the meeting to use as it sees fit. Suggestion was made that it be used to help with the expenses of the Douglas Steere weekend, and Friends approved.

change in meeting period

There was a discussion of possible changes in the meeting for worship format. Irma Simon made the suggestion that the meeting begin at 9:45 instead of 10 o'clock, with singing and message to take place in the first half hour, then the period of silent worship to run from 10:15 to 11:00. This would lengthen the period of silence to 45 minutes while still retaining the usual program elements in the early portion of the meeting, and it is hoped this might make it comfortable for Friends of both programmed and unprogrammed leanings to worship together. Friends

1/28/79 agreed to try this arrangement for a month, beginning with the next Sunday, February 4.

After a period of silence the meeting concluded.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

2/18/79

February 18, 1979

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting opened with a moment of silence following meeting for worship on February 18, 1979. Nine members were present.

Ben Cates, Clerk, presented recent correspondence. It was decided to give two

Bibles for Hospital

New Testaments at $5.25 each to Mid-Maine Medical Center as per a request sent to area churches from Chaplain Brewster. Margaret Cates said she would take care of this matter this week.

A committee of Michael Yates, Malvena Robbins, and Edna Cates was appointed to work on our spiritual condition report. It was decided that a list of appropriate topics (to be included in the report) be sent to local members to gather individual feelings and stimulate reactions, this information to be used to help the committee.

It was decided to wait until next month to appoint people to work on a

2/18/79 Roll Call letter.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee of Maxine Robbins, Ann Edmondson, and Ben Cates, Clerk, was chosen to review Monthly Meeting Committees, especially ~~that~~ of Ministry and Counsel which needs to be more active.

Yearly Meeting Committees

Eleanor Wilson sent word to us that she wishes to be removed from the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel, and it was decided to ask Edna Cates to be her replacement. Gerald Robbins was appointed to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, and Margaret Cates consented to remain on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Budget presented for 1979

Gerald Robbins presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted. He also presented a budget for 1979 as proposed by members of the Finance Committee, which was approved. Gerald pointed out that Saving Certificate # 90023 would reach the end of its term in March, and it was decided to transfer it into regular saving account # 1219.1 at that time, to be available for property improvement projects which are under discussion.

We talked about various suggestions for our proposed sound-proof partition

2/18/79 between the meeting room and dining room areas. Although plans are still indefinite, there seems to be emerging some consensus of ideas.

Ben Cates reported that an electrician is scheduled during this coming week to check on the heating units in lavatory and nursery rooms which have both had periods of malfunction this year.

Steere visit

Since Douglas and Dorothy Steere are to be here March 16 + 17, Paul Cates reminded us that volunteers for taking overnight guests on March 16th are needed. A committee of Millie Keller, Maxine Robbins, Annette Yates and Elisabeth Cates was appointed to be in charge of the noon meal on Saturday, March 17. Meetings conducted by the Steeres will be held Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon.

Deed to E. Benton property

Gerald Robbins read us the new deed to the old Friends meeting house in Benton, which we have given to the East Benton Christian Church to house their congregation. A note was made of the fact that the grantor of the deed (Vassalboro Monthly Meeting) "gains reentry to the property" if an attempt is made to use it for other than religious purposes in the future:

2/18/79 It was decided not to reserve a Grange Hall date for this coming summer, since we could hold a sale-type fund-raising project right at the Meetinghouse, definite plans to be made later.

We adjourned, following a moment of silence.

Ann C. Edmondson (per mak)
Recording Clerk pro tem

(Treasurer's report as of 2/18/79)

Cash on hand	$340.21
Checking acct.	1.91
Savings bank	258.09
total	$600.21

3/18/79

March 18, 1979

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place after meeting for worship on March 18. Clerk Ben Cates opened the meeting by reading a set of queries on religious education followed by a period of silence.

Minutes of the February meeting were read. The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$181.30
Checking acct.	10.06
Savings acct.	258.09
	$449.45

spiritual Condition Report Mike Yates presented the report drafted by the committee on the spiritual condition of the meeting. This was

3/18/79 approved with several changes. The report follows:

East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting
Spiritual Condition Report - 1979

Spiritual Condition Report

This report is based on answers received from a questionnaire sent to about 30 attending members. Nine replies were received.

There is a wide variety of needs and feelings about the quality of worship ranging from a need for more spirituality, less philosophy; a feeling that a more vocal ministry would be indicative of a more active group, and a desire for biblical exploration and Christ orientation.

There is now a beginning toward more openness during discussions of the Meeting's direction and members are realizing that their views will be considered in the spirit of love and that criticism is not a personal threat.

There were suggestions make to share responsibilities during meeting and to increase fellowship during the week. It is perhaps this direction that will bring new vitality to this meeting

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Steere Retreat

The retreat with Douglas and Dorothy Steere on March 16-17 at Vassalboro brought about one hundred persons during the weekend. The Steeres were most

3/18/79 generous with their time and energy. Douglas spoke Friday evening on "Traveling In" and continued Saturday morning following meeting for worship. Dorothy gave a talk in the afternoon on "Liberation of the Spirit." Their warm and radiant personalities as well as their openness in sharing insights made this a truly memorable weekend.

Membership Report The annual statistical report was read by the Clerk. Membership has increased by one over the past year, a total of 69.

Announcements included a Religious Education Regional Workshop at Durham, NH on May 19 and Yearly Meeting Committee Day to be held at Oak Grove-Coburn on May 12.

A committee of Paul Cates, Lillian Haslam, and Stephen Robbins was appointed to decide on a date for Roll Call Sunday and send out a letter.

It was decided to have an Easter breakfast. Ben Cates and Elisabeth Cates will serve as the Committee to plan this.

Plans for a Partition There was a discussion of possible plans for putting up a partition between the meeting room and the kitchen area which would provide a more soundproof area for Sunday School and other activities. The Property Committee is

3/18/79 asked to work out a plan and present it to the next monthly meeting.

Since the regular date for monthly meeting will fall on Easter Sunday, the suggestion was made that the April monthly meeting be scheduled as an evening affair, perhaps to include a game night. The Thursday evening of school vacation week was mentioned as a likely date, but no decision was made.

The need for Sunday School or some sort of arrangement for the older children was pointed out. Friends are asked to give this some thought.

There being no further business the meeting concluded after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

April 22, 1979

4/22/79 Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held April 22 following meeting for worship and a coffee hour. Clerk Bea Cates opened the meeting with excerpts from the Orono Monthly Meeting newsletter, and a brief period of silence was observed.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved with one correction.

4/22/79 The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$ 217.00
Checking acct.	98.35
General fund	258.09
Total	573.44

He explained an increased charge for insurance on a new three-year contract to come up shortly. The Meeting approved.

Correspondence was noted by the Clerk, including a "Declaration of Peace" sent by the Syracuse Friends Meeting. A letter was read from Cambridge Meeting saying they plan to have a weekend at China Camp the weekend of May 19 and would like to invite members of Vassalboro Meeting to join them in a potluck supper on Saturday evening the 19th. The Clerk was asked to write and accept the invitation on behalf of the Meeting.

It was announced that Friends General Conference will be held at Earlham College July 1-7. The China Camp committee plans a work weekend at China Camp May 26-28.

Plans were discussed for a summer sale to be held July 28 at the meeting house. Friends approved the suggestion that 10% of the proceeds be donated to a worthy cause, to be designated later. Committees will be appointed

4/22/79 at a later meeting.

Representatives appointed to the Quarterly Meeting at Dam Cove Lodge are Paul Cates and George & Mildred Keller.

There was some discussion of plans

Partition for the partition to be put up in the meeting room. Ben Cates will call together the Property Committee when he has the necessary information on hand.

Lawn mowing will be done by Martin Cates this summer.

The Treasurer explained a number of

Budget items on the new budget. There was a discussion of the cemetery funds. It was suggested that items of expense

cemetery funds such as a new fence might be taken out of the income from funds designated originally for cemetery use. Since the town is now doing the mowing and regular maintenance in the cemetery, the suggestion was made that some contribution should be made by the Meeting to the town to cover our share and maintain the Meeting's continued control over our cemetery. Also, a request has been received for the sale of a cemetery lot and a price must be decided upon. The Property Committee will decide this after getting in touch with other churches in the area.

There being no further business the meeting closed after a moment of silence

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

5/20/79

May 20, 1979

China Camp scholarship aid

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met on Sunday, May 20, following meeting for worship. Nine were present, including one guest. After a brief moment of silence, Ben Cates, Clerk, opened with the request from the Friends' China Camp Committee that scholarship aid for camp attendance first be provided, if possible, through the local monthly meeting. If not possible, then it would come through the Camp Committee. Irma Simon requested aid for her daughter, Emily, and it was agreed that the monthly meeting would provide aid, with her appreciation.

Cemetery funds

We then had the treasurer's report. A check for $200 was received from Ralph Wallace for the ~~purpose~~ purchase of a double cemetery lot. A discussion followed as to whether this should be put into the cemetery fund to be used for cemetery purposes, such as maintenance, only, or to be used for general Meeting maintenance needs. It was pointed out that the

5/20/79 cemetery itself, such as the fencing, needed a lot of work. It was decided to turn the matter over to the Property Committee for further discussion.

The treasurer's report was as follows:

Cash on hand	$351.00
Checking acct.	39.25
Saving bank	258.09
Total	$648.34

Received also was a copy of the Monthly Meeting budgets, 1976-1978, and the proposed budget for 1979, and the bank statement for 1978 and as of January 1, 1979.

Several communications were received from the Yearly Meeting:

The AFSC has available a bulletin on the police threat to political liberty. Mike Yates expressed an interest in obtaining this.

A committee on Sufferings would like reports of, and contributions towards, aiding Friends who are undergoing difficulties due to their faith and dedication to Friends' principles, such as peace work or protestations.

Y.M. Committee appts. An appointments listing was received, to be filled out with our appointments to Yearly Meeting committees and returned to the Yearly Meeting. Gerald Robbins is appointed to the Finance Committee, 5/20/79 Edna Cates to Ministry and Counsel, and Margaret Cates to the Nominating Committee.

Held over until the next Monthly Meeting is the report of the Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee. Also held over are the appointments of representatives to Yearly Meeting. Margaret Cates has been suggested as one. Five are requested.

A letter was received from the FCNL asking for a Meeting member to be picked as a liaison member between the local meeting and the FCNL to facilitate the carrying on of their work. Irma Simon asked to be this person and was approved. Included was a statement on the current situation concerning the draft which may require immediate attention. Paul Cates took this for his dissemination.

The problem of the reimbursement to Douglas Steere for his weekend here and at Orono was brought up. Paul Cates explained the situation and will see that it will be taken care of.

It was mentioned again that our sale will be on July 28 at the Meeting House.

The time for meeting for worship was changed, with everyone's approval, to its summer schedule of beginning at nine o'clock.

5/20/79 There being no further business, the meeting was concluded with a moment of silence.

/s/ Irma Simon
for Mildred Keller, Recording Clerk

6/17/79 Clerk Ben Cates opened June 17, 1979
the June 17 Monthly Meeting
with a period of silence. He announced
the passing of Ernest Marstaller, a
long term member of Yearly Meeting who
also attended our Quarterly Meetings.
The Nominating Committee reported
Mo. Mtg. on names selected for the various
Committees committees. The names were read and
approved as follows:

Regular Officers - same as before
Ministry and Counsel:
Eleanor and Robert Wilson
Ernest Weed
Malvena Robbins
Irma Simon
Bob Rowe
Edna Cates
Elisabeth Cates *
Margaret Cates
Annette Cates
Millie Keller
George Keller

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Committees (cont.)

* It was suggested that Paul Cates' name replace that of Elisabeth Cates as she is not a member of our meeting.

Edna Cates was recommended to be chairman of this committee, upon approval of its members.

Property and Finance Committee

Frank Edmondson
Gerald Robbins
George Keller
Ralph Kent
Margaret Cates
George Cates
Mike Yates

Religious Education Committee

Maxine Robbins
Irma Simon
Ann Edmondson
Paul Cates
Elisabeth Cates
Janette Yates

Hospitality Committee

Lillian Haslam
Effie Cates
Paul Cates
Maxine Robbins
Edna Cates

6/17/79 Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel

Edna Cates — new member for 3 years
Paul Cates — 2 years remaining
Eleanor Wilson — one year remaining

Roll Call letter It was announced that the annual Roll Call letter has been sent.

Lawn mowing will be done by Martin Cates this summer.

The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Checking account	456.22
Savings bank	258.09
	$ 714.31

Y. M. Reps. Representatives to Yearly Meeting at Wheaton College this year are Ernest Weed and Margaret Cates. It was suggested that anyone having a concern to send to Yearly Meeting should have it ready for the next Monthly Meeting. One member expressed a concern that the Youth Secretary program should have special consideration financially, as it ran out of money last year.

The meeting closed with a period of silence

/s/ Maxine Robbins
Recording Clerk pro tem

7/15/79 July 15, 1979

Monthly Meeting was held at Irma Simons' and Esther Jones' cottage. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Minutes of the May 20th and June 17th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Stephen Robbins:

Cash on hand	$159.30
Checking acct.	91.79
General fund	258.09
Total	$509.18

Ann Olson

A minute was read from Wellington Monthly Meeting in New Zealand in regard to a visit of Ann Olson to Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. We welcome her visit and wish her a safe return.

Committee for Sale

The committee for the July sale is: Margaret Cates, Stephen Robbins, Edna Cates, Elisabeth Cates, and Susan Morris.

Mary Hoxie Jones has invited us to her cottage on the evening of August 19th for a picnic followed by a meeting for worship. Beverage will be provided.

Edna Cates reported on the present meeting plan. August dates are being

7/15/79 filled. Edna would like any comments regarding the present plan. An evaluation meeting will be held later. ~~reg~~we discussed the possibility of more regular meeting news for the paper. Ben Cates will see what the procedure is and we can make further plans at our next Monthly Meeting.

Elisabeth Cates told of the celebration in Waterville on August 12th of the 79th Day of Summer. Many groups are doing something special to raise money for a particular charity. Elisabeth has volunteered to have a food sale for UNICEF. (This will consist principally of German foods.) While we would not want to raise money for ourselves on this occasion, we encourage the effort on behalf of UNICEF and suggest that Elisabeth ask assistance from anyone in the surrounding area who might be interested.

A request is made to help a boy from Oakland to attend China Camp. We approved the request.

Joan Austen asked about the bail fund — how it is established and how information is obtained by the recipient. This needs further investigation.

7/15/79 We discussed ways in which we could help anyone in our community — the elderly or needy. Possibly a daily visit from one of our members to an elderly person would be valuable. We should keep alert in regard to needs around us.

We encourage the Meeting's support toward expenses of young people attending China Camp.

We closed with a period of silent worship planning to meet again on August 19th.

/s/ Margaret Cates
Recording Clerk pro tem

8/19/79 August 19, 1979

Vassalboro monthly meeting took place following meeting for worship August 19, 1979. Clerk Ben Cates opened the meeting with a period of silence. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved with one correction.

Ralph Kent reported for the Property Cemetery Committee about the cemetery. The town will repair the fence and clear brush. The town offered to take over the new section of the cemetery but the Property Committee would not approve this. Part of the land had been deeded

8/19/79 specifically for use by Friends and cannot legally be disposed of otherwise. The Meeting concurred with the Property Committee on this matter.

Yates Family

Our attention then centered on a difficult situation which has arisen since the former husband of Annette Yates is now in the area and has been coming to meeting for worship. There was a good deal of discussion as to the way to deal with this which would be best for all concerned. Mike and Annette and children no longer feel free to attend meeting. It was suggested that we try to express love for this man and let him know we are praying for him. The Meeting wishes to express its support of the Yates family in this trying situation. It was agreed that as many Friends as feel clear to do so would stay after Meeting next time and talk directly with him to try to find out his motivation and to make clear our supportiveness of Mike and Annette.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$0.00
General account	270.33
Savings account	682.15
Total	$952.48

8/19/79 The open market July 28th netted $432.03, as compared to $537.26 in 1978 and $384.63 in 1977. Five children were given scholarships to China Camp.

Assistance to Elderly

The suggestion was raised concerning the use of the money raised that an amount be set aside to be drawn on in whatever project we might take on for assisting the elderly. Friends approved setting aside a minimum of $100 which could be drawn upon for such needs without waiting for approval of the Monthly Meeting but simply by clearing with the Chairman of Ministry & Counsel.

Quarterly Meeting expenses

The matter of Quarterly Meeting financing was brought up. Since there is no longer a collection taken at Quarterly Meeting, the monthly meetings are asked to contribute toward Quarterly Meeting costs, including the Newsletter mailing and the expenses of occasional speakers. It was noted that $50 had been earmarked in the Meeting budget for this. The Meeting approved raising this to $100.

It was announced that the Yearly Meeting is setting up a travel fund to help committee members in traveling to attend meeting. Monthly Meetings are asked to contribute to this.

8/19/79 The Meeting approved a suggestion that we take care of travel expenses for visiting Friends who are invited to attend Meeting.

Indian Committee

A letter was read from the AFSC Indian Committee. They asked that a member of the Monthly Meeting be asked to sit on the Committee, and Bob Rowe was suggested for this. The Committee has a slide show which it would like to have presented to local religious or school groups. They also are sponsoring workshops for teachers to help them in presenting material on Indians. They plan a rummage sale later in the year to raise funds, and Friends are asked to contribute items for this. The Committee hopes for a reply by September 13 as to whether Vassalboro Meeting can be helpful in any of these matters.

The meeting for worship on Labor Day weekend is to be left open as an unprogrammed meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded with a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

September 16, 1979

9/16/79 Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Clerk Ben Cates following meeting for worship and a coffee time on September 16, 1979. The minutes of the August meeting were approved. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

The clerk brought several items of correspondence to our attention, including:

1. A request from the U.N. Quaker Program for funds to mark the 25th anniversary of Quaker House in New York City.
2. UNICEF program for Halloween. Paul and Elisabeth Cates will work on this.

3- A ~~note~~ of thanks from the China Camp Committee for support from the Meeting.

4- An announcement from Beacon Hill Friends House of a historical booklet by Ernest Weed (obtainable for $3.75 from Friends House or $3.94 from Ernest Weed at Deer Isle, Me.).

5. A communication from AFSC on the plight of Indo-Chinese refugees and the need for sponsors and financial support, as well as the urgency of letting our legislators know of our support for refugee assistance. Friends discussed this matter at length. There was much interest in the possibility of sponsoring a refugee family, and the Clerk is asked

Refugee assistance

9/16/79 to write to find out what is entailed in sponsorship. Susan Morris will ask Peter Prince of Augusta to come and talk about his experience in dealing with Vietnamese refugees. Friends felt we should be informed about the problems likely to be encountered in such a project.

Cemetery Regarding the cemetery, the town is not going to repair the fence but simply to continue mowing and general maintenance. The Property Committee is asked to consider earmarking income from specific cemetery funds to go to the town for its services.

Contrib. to Quaker House (NY.) The Meeting approved sending $50 to Quaker House in New York City. Through this program Friends have been able to work behind the scenes, bringing together representatives of hostile groups to talk unofficially in a relaxed environment. It was also suggested that we ask someone from Quaker House to come and tell us more about the work there.

Energy project Regarding a project with the elderly, no names of persons needing help were available as yet. George Keller explained the energy questionnaire by which people could find out how they might conserve heat in their homes. It was suggested that the Grange and senior citizen groups would be appropriate ways of distributing these

9/16/79 The Committee on Suffering wishes to call attention to the peace tax and peace week in New England.

Time change

Friends approved changing the time of worship to 10 a.m. for the winter, beginning October 1. If there is a Sunday School, the 9:00 a.m. time will be available. A suggestion was made that there be an adult class to be led by members of Ministry and Counsel. George Keller will see that an announcement of the time change appears in the newspapers.

Outside steps — ramp?

Tina Jenney brought up the problem of the outside steps which can be dangerous, especially for older people, and mentioned the possibility of a ramp instead. The Property Committee will look into this.

Irma Simon, our FCNL contact person, spoke of a resolution introduced to reinstate draft registration for 18 year olds. Action has been postponed and we are urged to check with our representatives on an amendment to be presented in the next session to strike that registration provision from the bill. We are also urged to write in support of making cuts in the budget on military spending instead

9/16/79 of human service items which are scheduled to be cut while leaving the military budget intact. We are urged to contact Rep. Robert Giaimo on an individual basis.

There being no further business the meeting concluded after a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

10/14/79 October 14, 1979

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting - Oct. 14, 1979.

Meeting was convened by Ben Cates, clerk. Following a period of silent worship, the minutes of the last meeting were read. These were approved as written.

Letters were read. An invitation is extended to our meeting from Oak Grove-Coburn to join the students and staff to meet Louise Wilson on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Irma Swain brought to our attention the conference on "Disarmament" to be held at Orono on November 10th.

Q.M. reps. Representatives to Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting on Nov. 3rd at Orono are: Robert and Eleanor Wilson, Ben and Edna Cates and Robert Cates.

The treasurer reports

Cash on hand	$ 179.80
Savings	682.15
Checking	283.93
Total	$ 1145.87

Susan Morris reported her conversation
Vietnam project with Peter Prince regarding responsibility involved in helping Vietnamese. We are considering making a donation to another group or groups who are already active in this help.

We feel we can make available (for cemetery renovation) funds from
Cemetery three trust funds. We are especially concerned about straightening of stones.

A meeting to make plans for Sunday School for children will be held at the home of Margaret and Effie Cates on Thursday, October 18 at 7:30.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Margaret Cates
Recording Clerk pro tem

11/11/79 Nov. 11, 1979

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place on First Day, November 11, 1979, following meeting for worship and a coffee time. After a short period of silence

11/11/79 the minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read Minute 13 of the 1979 Yearly Meeting minutes dealing with the State of the Society. Friends are asked to consider this carefully and to express their suggestions to the Yearly Meeting Committee which is charged with reviewing and revising Faith and Practice. They are most anxious to have comments from the various Monthly meetings to guide them as to whether changes need to be make and, if so, what directions should be taken.

Response to need in Cambodia

The Clerk read communications from AFSC describing the horrors of mass starvation in Cambodia and asking support in sending food and medicines to help alleviate the suffering. The Meeting agreed that the Treasurer is authorized to send $100 immediately from meeting funds to AFSC to respond to this plea. It was further agreed to have a special collection next Sunday as a Thanksgiving Offering to go to AFSC also for this purpose.

The Treasurer reported: Cash on hand	$ 116.08
Checking account	160.30
Savings	904.17
Total	$1180.55

11/11/79 The Treasurer reported that Sunday School material has been purchased and a check for $50 has been sent to the Quaker organization of the United Nations.

Heating Costs

A question was raised about the cost of heating the building. It was evident that the new furnace has resulted in substantial savings on fuel costs as the Treasurer reported fuel expense of $312 in 1976, $220 in 1977, and $217 in 1978 in spite of the rising cost of oil.

Vassalboro Public Library

As a result of recent damage through fire, the Vassalboro Public Library has requested that they be allowed to use the dining-kitchen area of the meeting house temporarily for their operations. They would expect to share the cost of heating. A question was raised as to whether this could be worked out without disturbing the Sunday School, as well as how such an arrangement would affect any special events that the meeting might wish to schedule occasionally. It was noted that Quakers had been involved in establishing the Library originally. After some discussion the meeting gave tentative approval to the Library's request and appointed a committee of

Mike and Annette Yates, Gerald Robbins, and Margaret Cates to discuss the matter with the Library committee.

Young Friends conference

Michael Carter, Yearly Meeting Young Friends Secretary, wishes to bring a group from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting for a weekend conference at Vassalboro on December 1st and 2nd. They would sleep in the Meeting house and cook their meals there, with a potluck on Sunday to which the meeting would be invited. Friends approved this request and made it clear that the Library would have to forego use of the building that Saturday.

It was reported that Friends as a group had met with the Hossons to discuss their interest in coming to meeting. Concern was expressed by several Friends that no one from the Meeting try to talk with them individually.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned following a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

12/9/79

December 9, 1979

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Clerk Ben Cates following meeting for worship and a coffee hour Sunday, December 9, 1979. After a period of silence the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved with one correction. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Savings account	$1,299.10
Checking account	145.54
Cash on hand	15.10
Total	$1,459.74

A total of $211 was sent to AFSC for Cambodian relief – $100 from Meeting funds and $111 from the special collection taken in November.

Requests for contributions

The Clerk brought to our attention a number of requests for contributions from Friends World Committee, Friends United Meeting, Beacon Hill Friends House, and the Meeting School. Friends authorized the Treasurer to send $25 to the Friends World Committee and $25 to Beacon Hill Friends House. Mention was made of the need for assistance to Oak Grove-Coburn School which faces a large deficit. Friends agreed to contribute $100 from Meeting funds to OGC. It was suggested that the Property & Finance Committee put together a list of the requests which the

12/9/79 Meeting receives for contributions so that Friends may analyze the various needs and decide what ones the Meeting wishes to support.

Request for membership: P. Garrett

Peter Garrett presented a request to become a member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting with the understanding that he would like to be free to support other church projects in his own neighborhood. The Meeting appointed a committee to talk with Peter Garrett about his request for membership, consisting of George and Millie Keller and Margaret Cates.

Library plans

It does not seem likely that the Vassalboro Public Library will plan to use the facilities of the Meeting until some time in January. The town has voted to build a new library on a site to be decided.

There was some discussion of procedures for worship during the remainder of December. A desire was expressed for special music for Christmas.

Vietnamese assistance

We were privileged to hear from visitors from Augusta, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Luttrell, who told us about their experiences in bringing Vietnamese refugees and boat people to this area and meeting their needs. It was helpful to hear from persons who have had firsthand experience with these people on a very personal basis, for the

12/9/79

Vietnamese assistance

Luttreils have taken a number of refugees, both Vietnamese and boat people, into their home and also into their hearts, as we could easily see from the warmth and affection with which they spoke of their various guests. It was useful to learn about the duties of sponsors, which include finding housing and finding jobs, but not financial responsibility. Friends appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and talk with the Luttreils, and since the hour was growing late the meeting simply broke up informally with no further attempt to consider business.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

1/13/80 January 13, 1980

Ben Cates, Clerk, opened Vassalboro Monthly Meeting on January 13, 1980 with a period of worship. He brought to Friends' attention the following correspondence:

A - Letter from Friends United Meeting thanking us for our support and suggesting further financial support.

B - Friends China Camp is searching for a director for this summer and would appreciate suggestions of names of competent prospects.

C - Friends World College - newsletter and information

D - Brochure from F.U.M. to be left on table at back of Meeting to be available to all. Also a Christmas card and picture of staff.

E - Friends Community bulletin

F - Letter from Archives and Historical Records Committee enclosing an outline of instructions for the care of records to be included in the Discipline. They would like opinions to be sent to the Committee. Ben will meet with the Recording Clerk and the Recorder to answer this.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:

1/13/80

Cash on hand	0.00
Checking account	$ 95.30
Savings account	$ 1,004.13
Total	$ 1,099.43

Donations and bills paid recently:

Oak Grove - Coburn	$ 100.00
Beacon Hill Friends House	25.00
Friends World Committee	25.00
Yearly Meeting	400.00
Central Maine Power	20.84
Oil	143.28
Water (1 qtr)	13.50
Total	$ 727.62

Morris Family membership request

A letter requesting membership was received from the Morris Family - Danny and Susan and children, Teague and Kipling. The Committee to meet with them is: Maxine Robbins, Edna and Ben Cates.

Membership for Peter Garrett

Margaret Cates reported on the meeting with Peter Garrett regarding membership. All reports are very favorable and the Committee has a very positive feeling about him. They feel he should become a member. The Meeting approved and Peter Garrett will be welcomed into membership.

A committee was appointed to review

1/13/80 committees for the coming year and to coordinate with Yearly Meeting committee appointments. The committee members are: Malvena Robbins, Erma Simon, Annette Yates, Ben Cates.

Vassalboro Library

The Library Committee reports that the Vassalboro Library plans to move in on Wednesday, January 15th. Before that we should cover the fireplace to save heat and put locks on the children's room and bathroom doors. Also see to the thermostat in the bathroom so it cannot be tampered with. Ben and Mike will see to the above. The question of insurance coverage was brought up. Gerald Robbins will check on our insurance and Mike Yates will check with the Library Association.

Adult Class

The adult class in the Sunday School has been mostly no show and Edna Cates questioned the value of continuing. It was decided to ask the adults if they wish to attend before continuing.

"Fruit of the Vine"

Our housebound members need visitation for prayer and Bible reading as well as for the usual social visits. No one offered to do this at the time, but it was suggested that The Fruit of the Vine, a F.U.M. publication for

1/13/80 daily Bible reading and a thought for the day, be sent to all of our members over 80. This was approved. Russell Weeks, who lives out of town and cannot come to Meeting, was mentioned to receive this too as he is still a member. It was suggested that we ask Peter Garrett to call on him as he lives fairly near. This was approved.

Friends Hymnal We need more small Friends Hymnals which are reported as out of print but we'll try the publishing house anyway. Winthrop Meeting is said to have a few and we will ask if they are still using them; if not, we will see if we may have them.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned following a period of silent worship.

/s/ Eleanor L. Wilson
Recording Clerk pro tem

February 10, 1981

2/10/81 Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened by Clerk Ben Cates following meeting for worship February 10, 1981. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Morris' membership

The committee appointed to meet with the Morris family have talked with them and are agreed that the family have shown genuine interest in and support of the meeting. The meeting approves receiving the Morris family into membership with Danny's membership to be transferred from his former meeting. The question arose concerning membership status for the boys in the Morris family. It was agreed that Teague is a full member and Kipling is an associate member.

nom. com.

The nominating committee has not yet met. Their report will be brought in at the March meeting.

Friends hymnals

Regarding the need for more copies of the Friend's Hymnal, Winthrop Friends have not yet been approached about their copies. Maxine Robbins has written to Friends General Conference to inquire about the availability of the Hymnal.

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported:

Checking Acct.	$ 54.07
Savings Acct.	1004.13
Cash on hand	40.00
Total	$ 1098.20

Fruit of the Vine

Maxine Robbins reported that ten copies of "Fruit of the Vine" have been ordered for distribution to older members.

State of Society report

We are reminded that the State of Society report is due by April 1. The committee to write a draft and bring it to the March meeting will be Lillian Haslam,

2/10/80

Margaret Cates and Mildred Keller.

Y.M. Peace and Social Concerns

Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Yearly Meeting asks that we appoint a representative from the meeting.

A letter from Helen Lear urged support for the Dodd-McKinney Defense Adjustment Bill. We are asked to write Senator Muskie. Irma Simon will look into this.

Peter Garrett

A letter was received from Peter Garrett acknowledging the meeting's acceptance of his membership and outlining some of his plans for working with us.

Friends Music Ins.

A notice was read that scholarship aid is available for the Friends Music Institute.

Interior renovations

Ben Cates presented his proposal for the work to be done inside our meeting house in the near future. It consists of putting up a partition parallel to the interior dining room wall and eleven feet in distance from it, starting at the edge of the platform and going straight back. This space would be divided into three areas. The room nearest the front would have a regular door opening into the center section. The other two areas would be separated with a folding door. This plan also included a dropped ceiling. The cost estimated was $2,000 for materials plus labor. After much discussion it was decided that he should proceed with his plans, keeping the ceiling as it is now, and in the future the ceiling should be insulated above the ceiling. The treasurer indicated that $3500 to $4,000 could be made available if necessary from our special funds: the Annabel Cates Fund, the Howard Cates Fund and the Fred Pope Fund.

2/10/80 thermostat A reccommendation was made to have the thermostat changed to an inside wall. It was suggested and agreed that we should have a door opening into the new room at the front from the platform.

Winslow Baptist church A concern was raised in regard to the recent vandalism at the Winslow Baptist Church. We decided to send $50 to them to help with their expenses.

Vietnamese family Susan Morris reported on the situation of the Vietnamese family that was expected to arrive last week. The Catholic Charities had mistakenly notified the son that his parents and brother and sister were coming on Mon, and it proved to be someone else with the same name. The boy had already rented a place for them to stay and had paid $300 for the first month. He has no idea now when his family will arrive. It was suggested that Susan Morris talk with Mrs. Luttreil further about this situation to see what can be done to help.

church world service A letter requesting a donation to the Church World Service was read. Donations by them have already been made to help the Afghanistan refugees fleeing to Pakistan and $175,000 is needed to cover these expenses.

draft. registration The subject of draft registration arose. It was suggested that anyone having questions should contact David Emery's office.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

A pot luck dinner was shared by many of the members after the meeting

Mildred Keller, Recording Clerk, and
Maxine Robbins, pro tem

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March 9, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened by Clerk Ben Cates with a reading of Queries 5, 6 and 7 and a period of silence. The minutes of the February meeting were then read and approved.

Joann Austin membership

The clerk read a letter from Homewood Monthly Meeting in Baltimore authorizing transfer of membership of Joann Clark Austin to Vassalboro monthly meeting. The meeting is happy to welcome Joann as a member and Tarn as an Associate Member. Joann has been taking an active part in Vassalboro meeting during the past year and we take satisfaction in having her participate even more fully as a member.

FCNL

Irma Simon, our FCNL liaison person, urged us to write to our senators and Representatives asking them to vote against appropriating funds for draft registration.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking Acct.	1223.85
Savings	1004.13
Total	$2227.98

remodeling

Thus far $1952.58 has been spent on the remodeling project. There may be $1600-$1800 still to go. The sum of $3000 has been transferred from the Fred Pope Fund for this purpose.

budget

The budget for the coming year will be presented after the Property and Finance Committee meets. In the meantime there was some discussion of overall figures for the past year. Suggestions were made as follows with regard to the coming year:

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a) Increase our Yearly meeting pledge from $800 to $1200 to bring it fully in line with our membership quota.

b) Contribute up to $500 each to the Vassalboro Library Building Fund and to Oak Grove-Coburn for their current campaign, the exact amounts to be left to the discretion of the Property and Finance Committee.

nominating comm.

The nominating committee brought in a report which was approved by the meeting subject to the acceptance of those nominated.

Easter breakfast

Plans were made for an Easter breakfast, to be run by the men with the women to provide muffins. Ben Cates, Carleton Cates and Gerald Robbins volunteered as the committee for this event.

Easter music

Special music was approved for Palm Sunday and Easter.

guest introductions

The suggestion was made that, instead of asking visitors to introduce themselves, all those present should give their names, also.

Vietnamese family

The Vietnamese family which we were helping has arrived in Gardiner. They urgently need help in paying for oil.

state of society Rep.

A draft of the state of the society report was read and approved with some change. It will be sent to the Quarterly meeting clerk before April 1. The meeting then concluded with a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

4/13/80 April 13, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened following meeting for worship and a social time April 13, 1980. Paul

Paul Cates resigns as clerk; Edna Cates appt.

Cates opened the meeting by reading from the Children's Queries followed by a period of silence. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Paul asked the meeting to reconsider the position of clerk since the demands of his schedule will make it difficult for him to fill the position adequately during a large portion of the year. Edna Cates consented to serve as Clerk for the coming year.

Stephen Robbins leaves meeting

A letter was read from ~~Stephen~~ Stephen Robbins telling us That he has joined the Winslow Baptist Church and wishe to have his name removed from the membership roll of the meeting. Friends regret losing Stephen but hope that he may wish to visit ocassionally.

Conscientious objectors

A communication from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors pointed out that the time table for draft registration had been planned by the Pentagon five years ago and did not arise from the internationa crisis. It is vital for CO's to make their position clear as early as possible. Danny Morris agreed to serve as draft counselor to assist anyone having questions about the CO stand. The meeting also approved use of our facilities for meetings having to do with draft concerns. Card are available from CCCO to be used by those wishing to take the CO position.

Council of Churches

Waterville Council of Churches will have its annual meeting April 30. George Keller will attend as Vassalboro representative but asks that the meeting

4/18/80 consider appointing someone else as future representative.

The Vassalboro Food Coop needs a place to handle the
Food Co-op breakdown of its food supplies once a month. Friends approve authorizing use of our facilities.

China Camp applications were distributed. George
China Camp Keller urged that the meeting offer scholarship support for campers. He also mentioned the need for a new canoe for the camp. Last year the meeting contribute $60 for each of five campers. Friends expressed an interest in supporting China camp again this year.

A bulletin board would be useful for the mail. The Morrises have one they will supply.

treasurer The treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$57.20
Checking Act.	326.80
Savings	1004.13
Total	$1388.13

There has been a total of $3161.34 expended so far on the building project. Still to be done: folding doors, moulding, ceiling and walls. The work already done included 6" of insulation plus rewiring of the entire building. A mason has been engaged to renew the mortar on the bricks and foundation at an estimated cost of $375. A Bill has been sent to the library for $250 to cover their share of oil and electricity (roughly 1/3 of total).

Appreciation was expressed to Margaret Cates for much work done painting and to Ben Cates for his work on the remodeling. A work day is needed but no date has been set.

Danny Morris reported that Langley Hill meeting

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does not have him listed as a member. His membership is reaffirmed in Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

Quarterly meeting — There will be a joint Quarterly meeting with Falmouth Quarter May 3 at Winthrop. Representatives will be: Edna Cates, Malvena Robbins, Lillian Haslam.

There being no further business the meeting concluded after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

5/11/80 — Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened on May 11 with a moment of silence. In the absence of last month's minutes the Treasurer's report was read first:

Treasurer

Check book balance	$15.14
General Fund Balance	67.80
Cash on Hand	0.00
Total	$ ~~84.9~~ 82.94

Bills Paid:	
Donald J. Massey (brick work)	$350.00
water (last 30 days)	13.50
snow plowing	62.00
electricity	21.29
Total	$446.79

Bills due:	
oil	$111.51
Yearly mtg. Cont.	300.00
	$411.51

Received contribution of $250.00 from Library Association (for heat use) which was deposited in the

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general fund.

Building · total spent to date $3,829.83

Renovations

(transferred from special funds) 3,500.00

taken from general fund 329.82

All paid to date – Total – $3,829.82

The $350.00 to mr. massey represents needed painting up done to all the brick work and repairs to cracks in the foundation.

other needed repairs

Discussion ensued of future repairs possibly needed, particularly on the front porch but also to the meeting room ceiling. A movable stoop and/or railings were proposed as aids for the elderly or infirm. These matters were passed on to the property committee for consideration.

Correspondence:

Ester Weed

1) Ester Weed wishes to transfer her membership to Orland Friends meeting.

shower for Steve Robbins and Dale Whitaker

2) Announcement was given of a shower, sponsored by Malvena Robbins, for Dale Whitaker (Steve Robbins' bride-to-be) on May 23, at 7.30. It will be held at the meeting House and it was felt that the Friends Hospitality Committee could help out.

wedding of Steve & Dale

3) An invitation to their wedding, June 28, was also read. As it takes place in Massachusetts and few members of the meeting would be able to go, it was felt that a special minute should be sent.

newsletter

4) Friends Newsletter has come and will be posted on the bulletin board with other current mail once the decorating is completed and the board up.

5) Friends Holiness and Wholeness Retreat takes place

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next weekend in Scituate, R.I.

6) The American Bible Society requests funds for their endeavors, but it was decided that we would not respond at this time.

7) Sparkleberry School, a home and school for severely disabled children, sent their pamphlet and request.

8) The Quaker Role in Higher Education conference will be held June 22-27 at Wilmington College, Ohio.

9) Friends World Committee for Consultation requested financial help. A contribution of $50.00 was decided upon.

10) An AFSC-sponsored conference, Avon Institute, will be held July 19-26 at Lake Winnepaukee. Information was posted on the rear table. Ralph Green will be going.

library

Library news: The building committee and selectmen have met and the insurance money can now be used to pay for the building costs as they come in. Much labor and materials have been volunteered. The lot between Haywards' and Reny's has been OK'd for purchase. Even if everything goes as hoped for, the library will still be here at least during the summer.

Quarterly meeting

Quarterly meeting Report: There is a request regarding the cost of transportation to Quarterly meetings, specifically, could some one from this meeting be available as contact for those with transportation needs? Paul Cates suggested Evelyn Wickey (from South China) as a person who might be interested and who lives in the same general area.

The combined meeting with Falmouth was very well attended, with many taking active part.

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Hospitality comm.

Sue Morris was put on the Hospitality Committee. Effie Cates will be letting others know (Those who were absent) about the coming meeting, which will be on Friday of this week at 7.30.

Announcements in papers

Margaret and Edna Cates will be seeing about getting special announcements to the Morning Sentinel. They will give this to Mary Grow, the correspondent for this area. It was felt that it would be good to have announcements in the KJ also, but we were unsure about a good person to contact.

Meeting time

We will be going back to 10.00 am meeting time and resuming Sunday School the first Sunday in October. Mention was made of having some kind of a special treat for children who have attended Sunday School. This will be discussed further.

Health Fund

Paul brought up a message from Dorothy and Douglass Steere. They would like to establish a Health Fund for the meeting, to help with hospital expenses in time of need.

Education Fund

Sue Morris brought up the idea of an Education Fund, possibly begun with some of the monies from this year's rummage and food sale. Margaret Cates will be coordinator and head of the Rummage and food sale Committee, which consists of Margaret Cates, Sue and Danny Morris, Paul and Elisabeth Cates, Annette Yates and possibly Maxine Robbins

The Mother's Day march on Brunswick Naval Air Station is today at 4.30. Danny Morris is coordinator for this area, and also anti - draft counselor.

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May 12, from noon to 1:00pm, AFSC is sponsoring a

Iranian hostages

vigil concerning the Iranian hostages. Concern was expressed for Ali Ouderian, who is going to school here, and possible ways to help were given.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Annette M. Yates
Recording Clerk pro tem.

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June 8, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened on June 8, 1980 following meeting for worship and a social period. Clerk Edna Cates opened the meeting by reading the First Query in the revised form proposed by the Committee on Revision.

Minutes of the April and May meetings were read and approved with several corrections. A minute will be sent to Stephen Robbins and Dale Whitaker carrying the good wishes of the meeting for their marriage on June 28. Paul Cates will write this on behalf of the meeting.

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking Account	224.35
Savings Account	67.80
Total	$292.15

Friends authorized scholarship help for children from the meeting to attend China Camp in the amount of $70 per child. Further assistance if needed would come from the China Camp Committee's scholarship Funds.

Friends needing assistance to attend Yearly meeting

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at Gorham in August may apply to the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund. The Meeting approved a contribution of $75.00 to the Fund.

A listing for Vassalboro Monthly Meeting will be included in a roster of churches to be regularly published in the Sentinel.

discussion of Queries

It is hoped that Friends will plan to stay after the regular meeting for worship this summer to discuss the revised Queries, one or two at a time, for the guidance of the Revision Committee as well as to increase our own understanding.

The Clerk announced that Friends stationery may be ordered through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

FCNL

FCNL asks that we write our legislators regarding bills for reparations to Japanese-Americans for damages suffered during interment in World War II.

Oak Grove-Coburn

Acknowledgement has been received from Oak Grove-Coburn for our contribution to their campaign. Dan Fredericks will continue as Headmaster for the coming year. The meeting would like to be supportive in any way that seems appropriate.

The Clerk has had a request that the meeting time be changed to 9.30. However, Friends agreed it would be best to continue the 9.00 am hour for the summer.

Annette Yates, reporting for Ministry and Counsel, mentioned that Celia Kent would like to have Friends visit her to read and study the Bible. Annette plans to meet with her and find out what we can do to be helpful.

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A contribution of $75.00 was authorized toward expenses for Edna Cates to accompany Clarabel Marstaller to a meeting of the United Society of Quaker Women in Indiana during June.

work day

A work day will be held at the meetinghouse on Saturday, June 14.

lawn mowing

Frank Parker has kindly agreed to use his riding mower on the larger part of the lawn. Martin Cates will do the remainder that cannot be reached with the riding mower.

Educational Fund

Plans for setting up an Educational Fund for Friends' children and others at the discretion of the meeting were discussed at some length. A committee to consist of the Treasurer, Annette Yates, and Danny Morris was appointed to work out arrangements for handling this fund when it is set up.

newsletter

The desirability of a Newsletter was mentioned to keep the meeting in touch with students and others who are away as well as members who are house bound. Various suggestions were made for ways of doing this. A committee of Randy Cates was set up to look into this matter.

The chairman of the Hospitality Committee is asked to check on paper supplies for the kitchen and bathroom.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned following a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

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July 13, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened on July 13, 1980, at Irma Simon's and Esther Jones' camp on China Lake. Edna Cates opened the meeting with a period of silence and the reading of the new and revised Third Query. Annette Yates acted as recording clerk in the absence of Millie Keller. The previous month's minutes were read and accepted after an addition by Ernest Weed.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows:

Treasurer

cash on hand	$45.52
Checking Act.	430.67
Savings Act.	67.80
Total	$543.00

Paid out:

Assistance (Edna's trip)	$100.00
YM Equalization Fund	75.00
Flowers for Funeral of Mae Cates Smith	5.00
China Camp (2 people)	140.00
Library donation	500.00
Yearly meeting	300.00
Total	$1133.18

Also - the Annabel Cates Memorial Fund was closed and changed to the Educational Fund ($233.53). The Part of the Educational Fund on which the interest only is to be used is $50.00, this in addition to the previous amount. Also closed out were the accounts of the Howard Cates Memorial Fund ($53.57) and the Charles Pinkham Fund ($814.40). These were transferred to the checking account

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to pay bills, and $1,101.50 was deposited on July 1, 1980.

cemetery

The upkeep of the Friends Cemetery was discussed and how much of the upkeep money, if any should be given to the Town Cemetery committee for their work on the cemetery. It was decided to give $100.00 to them This year, the money to be taken from accumulated interest on the trust funds. At the end of the year we will be able to review the results and make changes if necessary.

draft

Edna read a note from Friends General Conference addressing the issues of militarism, conscription and conscience which sparked discussion on draft registration counseling and possibly later draft counseling. We suffer from lack of communication from the various friends groups who could advise us. Sue and Danny Morris need to know what alternate choices and support are available to young people facing this situation. Joann Austin volunteered to write to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO). Once we have the information we may be able to come up with effective way to disseminate it.

Friends Council on Education

The Friends Council on Education would like a contribution but it was felt that our contribution to Oak Grove-Coburn was the action which we wished to take at this time, as OGC is not only local, but also a member of FCE.

A pamphlet offering a book on the Iranian Revolution is available to us.

The Beacon Hill Friends House Newsletter is out, and very good. A point was clarified - Beacon Hill Friends

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House appointments come from Quarterly meeting, not monthly meeting.

Gerald Robbins gave a report of Steve and Dale's wedding, and especially the kindness shown to Gerald and Maxine by Dale's parents, who even made them a 28th anniversary cake, as their anniversary was the day after the wedding.

work day

We need another work Day at the Meeting House - it was decided that the Property Committee would call it. Also, anyone interested in helping to choose wallpaper for the meeting room should stay to discuss it after meeting next Sunday.

rummage sale

The progress of the rummage sale was discussed - w need more things, especially as we have gotten some articles in the Morning Sentinel.

ministry and counsel

The ministry and counsel report was given with the new recommendations for the nursery. To Yearly meeting this year will be going Margaret Cates, Ernest Weed, and Eleanor Wilson. George and Millie Keller will be going part-time. Joann Austin may also be going.

The meeting closed after a period of silence.

Annette Yates
Recording Clerk pro tem

8/10/80 August 10, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened August 10 following meeting for worship. The minutes of the July meeting were approved with two corrections.

The Treasurer reported:

Treasurer

$62.10	Cash on hand
167.67	Checking Account
568.45	General Fund
$798.22	

The open market with all expenses paid netted $511.59. Lee Ann Horner's dollhouse was donated as a consignment item, and the amount of the commission was donated to the meeting. Half of the proceeds of the open market will go into the Educational Fund. The principal may be used at the meeting's discretion for various educational purposes.

Joann Austin asked that a minute be included to thank people for working on the open market.

The average of Sunday morning Collections is $25.00 per week.

draft

Susan Morris reported on draft counseling. Susan, Danny and Joann Austin passed out leaflets at the Waterville Post Office during the two weeks of registration. Joann Austin has agreed to allow the meeting to use her safety deposit box for filing statements of C.O.'s.

The Clerk has received a note from the East Vassalboro Public Library thanking the meeting for our donation to the Library Building Fund.

A letter was received from Scarsdale meeting trans.

Howard McCandless membership

ferring the membership of Howard McCandless to East Vassalboro meeting. The meeting welcomes Howard.

A letter was read from Olney Friends announcing a new Headmaster.

property com.

Gerald Robbins reported that the cemetery has been mowed once. No wall paper has been selected yet. A work day will probably be held about the middle of September.

Edna Cates reminded people to volunteer for meeting responsibility.

The question of who would assume responsibility on Labor Day weekend arose. Paul Cates will be asked if he could do this.

Quarterly meeting

Joann Austin and Margaret Cates were at Quarterly meeting on August 9. Margaret reported on the delicate situation with some members facing charges and action by Quarterly and Yearly meeting.

Edna mentioned that Alfred Taylor's house burned. Margaret suggested that Friends might donate food and/or vegetables for the Taylors.

Gerald reported that eight camp scholarships had been given by the meeting.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Danny Morris
Recording Clerk pro tem

9/14/80 September 14, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened following meeting for worship and a social time. Clerk Edna Cates opened the meeting by reading the Third Query, followed by a short period of silence. The minutes were read and approved with one correction.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported:

Cash On Hand	$141.76
Checking Acct.	407.73
Savings Acct.	312.65
Total	$862.14

$100 has been paid to the town Cemetery fund. Bills soon to be paid will include a service contract for the furnace of $74.95, insurance $96, and a payment of $300 on the Yearly meeting pledge.

Education Fund

The Education Fund totals $305.80, of which $50 is restricted to use of interest only. Some discussion of this Fund then took place. Frank Edmondson explained the new Rufus Jones Scholarship to be given to entering students at Oak Grove-Coburn who are Friends or have shown interest in Friend's concerns. A letter is to be sent to the OGC Board of Trustees expressing the meeting's interest and our intention to make a contribution toward the Rufus Jones Scholarship in the next fiscal year.

Ministry and Counsel

Annette Yates reported on several items considered by Ministry and Counsel: a) the door has been desqueaked but still needs an automatic closure; b) Oct. 5 is recommended as the date for the meeting to return to the 10 am time for worship, with Sunday School probably at 9:00. A notice is to be put in the Kennebec Journal, as well as the Sentinel.
c) The format of meeting for worship will continue, with

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someone in charge of opening and closing meeting each Sunday. Hymn singing is to continue no longer than 20 minutes at the beginning of meeting. d) Plans are being made for a Young Friends group for those in 7th grade o older, to begin next week after meeting. e) an evening discussion group is expected to start after the beginning of October.

Peace & Social Concerns Sue Morris reported for the Peace and Social Concern Committee. A minute adopted by the Yearly Meeting supporting those who favor conscientious objection or non-registration is posted on the bulletin board to be signed by those who wish.

Correspondence included a note of thanks to the meeting from Emily Simon for help in attending China Camp.

Randy Cates will be going to Nairobi to serve with the Peace Corps and has asked for a travelling minute from the monthly meeting. This is authorized.

A request was received from Friends United Meeting for Vassalboro to take part in a Chain of Prayer. Friends decided not to participate.

Irma Simon, FCNL contact person, reported that we are asked to suggest priorities for next year. The meeting authorized Irma to fill out the form on this.

Friends approved sending a card from the meeting to Betty Taylor on the death of her father.

newsletter Danny Morris has agreed to produce a newsletter for the meeting, to come out perhaps once a month. Friends are asked to provide news items to be included. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned,

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purposing to meet next month.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

10/12/80

October 12, 1980

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened following meeting for worship and a social period on October 12, 1980. Clerk Edna Cates read Query II having to do with meeting for business and asked that we consider this in the period of silence which followed.

The minutes of September's meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported:

Treasurer

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking Acct.	197.65
Savings Acct.	568.45
	$766.10

A check was received for $14 in memory of Maurice Pope who died recently. Bills paid were:

Silver Street Service Contract	$74.95
Yearly Meeting Pledge	$300.00
Wall paper	70.40
Insurance	96.00
Central Maine Power	9.83
Martin Cates for lawn mowing	24.00
Water bill	13.50

We noted that the wall paper has arrived. The ceiling is to be painted by James Ashton in early November.

There was some discussion as to what sort of door closure is needed. This is to be left to the property Committee

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The evening discussion group has not yet begun. Paul Cates and Annette Yates are asked to work out the details.

It was agreed that the letter to be sent to Oak Grove Coburn should offer the meeting's general support of the Rufus Jones Scholarship program but make no definite commitment as to financial help.

Rufus Jones Scholarship

Randy Cates in now in Memphis for the initial phase of Peace Corps training, thence to Nairobi in November.

George Keller reported on a meeting with representatives of a number of churches to work on ways of meeting energy problems of elderly people living alone. The meeting already has such a program in effect.

Friends agreed to provide a subscription to both Quaker Life and Friends Journal to be kept in the meeting house and made available to everyone.

Young Friends

Sue Morris is meeting with a Young Friends group on Sunday mornings at 9am.

Iran/Iraq

There was some discussion of the conflict between Iran and Iraq and the need for medical supplies and help to victims of bombing in both countries. Irma Simon will write AFSC to ask if anything is being done about emergency assistance.

Quarterly Mtg.

Quarterly meeting will be held November 1st at Orland. There will be a discussion of Howard Brinton's book, "Friends for 300 Years" and we are asked to read this beforehand. Representatives to Quarterly meeting will be George Keller, Margaret Cates, and Malvena Robbins. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until next month.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

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November 9, 1980

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened by Clerk Edna Cates who read Query 4 having to do with community, followed by a short period of silence.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read. The treasurer reported:

Treasurer

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Checking	360.86
Savings	321.83
Total	$ 682.69

A subscription has been entered for Friends Journal and for Quaker Life. Payment for new lights was authorized.

We are informed that Randy Cates has finished his training in this country and is on his way to Nairobi.

Quarterly Mtg.

Eleanor and Bob Wilson reported on the Quarterly meeting at Orland which they attended. The next Quarterly meeting will be at Vassalboro the first weekend in February. A Committee to plan the program will be made up of: Annette Yates, Paul Cates and Irma Simon. One possibility which was suggested was to have some sort of musical program.

David Davis would like to have our thoughts on the term "in good order" as used in the state law having to do with Quaker weddings.

The Friendly Persuasion

On November 14 the movie, The Friendly Persuasion, will be shown at Durham. Sue Morris will plan to go and to help Ralph Greene and a committee to plan for Young Friend's activities.

It was announced that Howard McCandless has undergone surgery and is convalescing at his home in North Anson.

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Marjorie McCandless membership

A letter was read from Marjorie McCandless applying for membership in Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. A committee to meet with her was appointed, consisting of Millie Keller, Malvena Robbins, Ben Cates and Edna Cates.

A request has been received from Quaker Life for a contribution. The Treasurer will check out our situation as regards contributions to various causes during the yea

Ken. Valley Comm. Action Program

A request was read from Kennebec Valley Community Action Program regarding home energy assistance. They desire help from Churches in identifying those who need help and would like a room in which to interview client The discussion of this brought out the thought that it wo make more sense to use the Town Office which is already heated. Edna will get in touch with them on this.

The door closure is still under consideration - Ben Cates and Gerald Robbins will work on this.

Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving program will be in charge of the Religious Education Committee. They will meet Wednesday at Joann Austin's to plan.

We are reminded to sign up to take responsibility for meeting for worship. Edna and Margaret will coordinate this.

AFSC in Middle East

Irma Simon ~~reported on~~ has inquired about AFSC activity in the Middle East and has learned that they sent a delegation to Iran last summer which included some New England Friends. AFSC has been active in relief in the Middle East as well as in Cambodia, and is working in the U.S. to facilitate conversion to peace industry wherever possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was

11/9/80 adjourned after a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

12/14/80 December 14, 1980

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Clerk Edna Cates December 14, 1980, following meeting for worship and a social time. The meeting began with a few moments of silence, after which the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved with one correction.

The Treasurer reported:

Treasurer

Cash on hand	$41.50
Checking Act.	$379.66
Savings Act.	$321.73
	$742.89

The Educational Fund now amounts to $306.76 (with interest only to be used on $50).

The Treasurer gave a rundown of expenditures over the year as compared with the budget projections for the year. The budget has so far been exceeded by $742. In light of this, no action was taken on requests for contributions at this time. Friends suggested that the Finance Committee draw up a list of contributions made from the meeting funds over the past year with the thought that annual requests be provided for in setting up the budget.

The Committee of Oversight appointed to visit Marjorie McCandless in North Anson has as yet been unable to arrange a visit.

A request has been received from Kay Rell wood

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Kay Wood membership

of Newport for transfer of membership from Colora Monthly meeting (Colora, Md). Although she could expect to attend only occasionally, as they run a dairy farm, she would like to become a member here. Her parents are active in Cobscook Monthly Meeting. Paul Cates, who knows Kay Wood and her husband, will call and tell them the meeting would like an opportunity to get acquainted. The Committee of Oversight will include Paul Cates, Peter Garrett and Irma Simon.

"Phila. Quakers-1681-1981"

A notice was read of the coming publication of a picture history of Philadelphia Quakers in celebration of their 300th Anniversity - entitled "Philadelphia Quakers 1681-1981." The meeting agreed to order a copy to be charged to the Adult Sunday School budget.

We are reminded to sign up for responsibility for meeting for worship. Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, the matter of the door closure is still pending.

AFSC

Irma Simon read a letter from Deborah Hibbard, AFSC representative for Maine. She has returned from a recent visit to the Soviet Union and will have a slide show ready in December. She would like to become acquainted with Vassalboro Friends. It was suggested that Deborah Hibbard be invited to join us at meeting for worship on a Sunday morning and show her slides following meeting.

Edna Cates announced a Christmas Fair at OGC for December 21. Fruit cakes will be available next Sunday if Friends would like to buy them.

The Adult Sunday School class continues to meet with

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3 or 4 persons. They are discussing articles from "Friends Journal" and "Quaker Life".

There being no further business, the meeting concluded after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk.

January 11, 1981

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Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened following meeting for worship on January 11, 1981, with a moment of silence and reading of a Query by the Clerk. The minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported:

Cash on Hand	$41.00
Checking Act	90.64
Savings Act.	321.73
Total	$453.37

Bills have been paid as follows: Yearly Meeting $300; book $5.95; oil $163.56; ceiling painting $351.75; CMP $26.61; water $13.50.

A door closer was installed.

There was discussion about the library moving out. They are waiting for a rug to be installed, then will be moving to the new building.

Ben Oates will paint the ceiling in the library section when he decides it is warm enough to paint.

The Clerk has received a thank-you note from Dari and Paul Forman expressing gratitude for all the meeting did.

A letter was read from Friends Association for

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Friends Ass. for Higher Ed. Higher Education announcing its existence. They requested names and addresses of Friends employed in higher education.

Friends United meeting inquired if we are interested in working on a project.

Tiny Bill's Auction House wrote asking that members donate their gold and silver to the meeting which will then sell it to Tiny Bill's to raise money. We decided to ignore it.

AFSC AFSC announced three scholarship awards. The notice is on the Bulletin Board. Also a job description for a Disarmament Apprentice.

Deborah Hibbard Irma Simon has not heard from Deborah Hibbard. PEACEWORK did have a write-up about her trip and slide show. Irma has contacted Deborah and offered her a morning or evening date.

Susan Morris reported that she has been using Oak-Grove Coburn as her place to counsel students. CCCO has asked Friends to write to the President asking him to honor his campaign statements and abolish draft registration.

Eleanor Wilson reported the Discipline Revision Committee is still at work.

Kay Wood membership The transfer of membership of Kay Bell Wood has not been acted upon. Irma Simon will get in touch with Paul Cates to deal with the matter.

Quarterly mtg. Representatives to Quarterly meeting February 7 will be: Malvina Robbins, Margaret Cates, Eleanor Wilson, Irma Simon, Danny Morris or Ben Cates. Lunch for

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Quarterly meeting will be handled by the Hospitality Committee. They will meet Jan. 18. The program will be music of worship. Other meetings have been requested to do a number for the meeting.

The midweek group began meeting January 8, 1981

The meeting adjourned with a moment of silence.

Danny Morris - Recording Clerk
pro tem

February 8, 1981

2/8/81 Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened by Clerk Edna Cates on February 8, 1981, following meeting for worship and a talk on Quaker Service by Josh Brown from Boston. The minutes were read and approved with minor corrections. The importance of using full names for the sake of historical accuracy was pointed out.

Treasurer The treasurer reported:

Cash on Hand	$0.00
Checking Act.	113.61
Savings	324.92
	$ 438.53

The treasurer presented an audited financial statement for the past year showing a balanced budget. The Finance Committee will meet and prepare the new budget to be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

Michael Carter The Clerk has been informed that Michael Carter from the Yearly Meeting staff expects to be in Maine the week of March 16-20 to offer help on First Day schools to interested Friends. Irma Simon will follow up on this.

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A communication from Nancy St. John of the AFSC Maine Indian Commi~~ssion~~ttee asked for help in making a survey of the number of books on Indians of the Northeast to be found in local libraries. Volunteers from the meeting included Irma Simon, Joann Austin and Millie and George Keller. The Yates' will be asked to help also.

Indian Com.

Quarterly meeting was held at Vassalboro Feb. 7th with a good attendance. The musical program was well received. Thanks go to Maxine Robbins and her committee for a bounteous meal.

Quarterly meeting

The committee to talk with Marjorie McCandless has met with her and discussed her application for membership. The meeting approved the committee's favorab reccommendation, and Marjorie McCandless is warmly welcomed as a member of Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends.

membership Marjorie McCandless

Irma Simon reported on the application of Kay Roll wood for transfer of her membership. She hopes to come to meeting some Sunday soon. Irma Simon is authorized to co-opt members to talk with Kay Wood when she is here.

Kay Wood membership

A Spiritual Condition Report is due April 1. A committee to consist of Annette and Michael Yates, Maxine and Gerald Robbins and Susan and Danny Morris was appointed. The meeting discussed George Keller's suggestion that in subsequent years the meeting plan to discuss the Queries during the year and use the responses which are jointly arrived at as a basis for the Spiritual Condition Reports.

Spiritual Condition Report

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It was pointed out that heat is being lost through a draft under the door. This will be taken care of. Thanks were expressed to Ben Cates and Gerald Robbins for putting the plumbing back in working order.

Debbie Hibbard visit

Irma Simon reported that Debbie Hibbard, AFSC representative in Maine, could come to a meeting and show slides of her visit to the Soviet Union in March. Dates suggested by her were March 15 or 29, which are Sundays, or a Tuesday or Thursday evening. Irma will explore the possibility of Thursday evening, March 26.

There being no further business the meeting concluded after a few moments of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

3/8/81

March 8, 1981

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place following meeting for worship and a coffee hour on March 8, 1981. Clerk Edna Cates presided and read a query followed by a moment of silence. The minutes were read and approved as they stood.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported the financial status as follows:

Cash on hand	$95.96
Checking Act.	23.23
Savings	324.92
Total	$444.11

Bills to be paid this month include:

Central Maine Power	$42.23
Yearly Meeting Pledge	300.00

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The propose budget for the coming year was presented by the Treasurer. It includes total expenses of $4696 and an estimated income of $5000. The meeting approved of making the total expense $5000, and suggested that the additional $304 be added to the amount for contributions.

Debbie Hibbard talk

On march 26 at 7.30 Debbie Hibbard will give a talk and show slides of her visit to the Soviet Union. The Hospitality Committee will need help with refreshments following the meeting.

The Clerk reminds us of the library survey of books on maine Indians which several members agreed to work on for the maine Indian Committee.

Kay Wood membership

Kay Bell wood of Newport was present with her two young children and the committee which talked with her about her request for transfer of membership reccommended that she be accepted into membership. Friends enjoyed the opportunity to meet Kay Bell Wood and children and welcomed her warmly as a member of Vassalboro monthly meeting.

Spiritual cond. Rep

A Spiritual Condition Report, drafted by the committee appointed at the last monthly meeting, was presented by Susan morris and approved by the meeting after some discussion. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Statistical Rep.

Lillian Haslam, Recorder, read the Statistical Report, a copy of which is attached. This shows a total of 68 members last year, with 7 new mem_bers added and 2 who have left (one for another meeting and one to another denomination).

A nominating committee was appointed as follows:

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nom. con. Malvena Robbins, Margaret Cates, Annette Yates and Ben Cates.

It was suggested that individuals write to their Representatives and Senators protesting the use of the MX missile.

Roll Call letter — Effie Cates, Maxine Robbins and Gerald Robbins will put together a Roll Call letter to be sent to non-resident members to let them know what the meeting has been doing.

A letter was read from the Vassalboro Public Library expressing appreciation for the use of the meeting facilities during the period while the new library was being built.

FGC - Young Friends — Friends General Conference would like the names and addresses of young people 14-22 so they may be kept informed of events planned for Young Friends. This is referred to the Christian Education Committee.

FGC — Material has been received on the meeting of Friends General Conference to be held June 27 - July 4 at Berea College Kentucky.

Easter — It was agreed to have an Easter breakfast to be arranged by the men, with the women to provide the muffins. The worship will include special music, and Ernest Weed will be asked to preside if he is to be at Vassalboro that day.

Lillian Haslam thanked the group for the flower arrangement that was sent to her in the hospital.

There being no further business the meeting concluded after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

Spiritual Condition Report - 1981

The Vassalboro Friends meeting is constantly striving to meet the diverse needs of a rural and urban oriented membership. The meeting continues primarily unprogrammed. The awareness of the members for the necessity of shared responsibility for meeting has flucuated although those "unplanned" meetings have often provided a great deal of spiritual stimulation.

Activities of the young friends has increased as they have taken responsibility for meeting and have helped carry Friends' principles and beliefs into their schools and community.

In the ongoing spirit of community outreach the members have been actively involved in the Friends' China Camp, Oak Grove - Coburn School, and the Vassalboro Public Library. The meeting has continued its tradition of subsidizing young Friends at China camp and has donated money and time to the Oak Grove - Coburn School and the rebuilding of the town library.

The overall effort has been one of real concern and caring for members of the community who are experiencing difficulties and problems.

It has become evident to the younger Friends that there is a need to perpetuate those values, traditions and vigorous involvements of our older Friends, which form a strong part of our sense of spiritual community.

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April 12, 1981

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened by Clerk Edna Cates following meeting for worship on First Day, April 12, 1981. The minutes were approved with corrections.

treasurer

The treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$00.00
Checking Act.	30.23
Savings Act.	129.48
Total	$159.71

Bills have been paid as follows:

CMP	$27.01
Yearly Mtg	300.00
Insurance	101.00

Bills to be paid soon:

snow	$104.00
water	13.50

A copy of the budget in final form was distributed. The treasurer will submit to the Library a bill in the amount of $350 covering their share of electricity, oil and snow removal costs.

Irma Simon reported on the visit of Debbie Hibbard on March 26 with about 30 attending.

nominating com.

Ben Cates reported for the nominating committee. Committees will remain almost as last year with minor changes. The library committee will be discontinued. George Keller asked to be removed as Council of Churches representative. Ben will provide a list of the ~~new~~ committees.

Roll call letter

Maxine Robbins reported that the committee appointed to send a roll call letter had met and produced a letter which she read. The meeting agreed that

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This was a well-written letter covering a thorough review of the year's activities and approved of having it sent. Eleanor Wilson will have it typed and duplicated.

Easter Plans for an Easter breakfast are under way, headed by Ben Cates with the assistance of Gerald Robbins.

Joann Austin asked for the use of the meeting House for May 16 for the Sam Ely Land trust group. The meeting approved this request.

Yearly mtg. Planning request Correspondence included a request from the Long Range Planning Committee of the Yearly meeting for responses from both the clerk and the meeting on a number of questions. Friends approved having a special meeting on April 26 following meeting for worship to discuss these questions. Brown Bag lunches will be the order of the day.

Malvena Robbins reported that she had heard from Ernest Weed and he will speak on Easter.

A letter from Michael Carter regarding Young Friends was given to Susan Morris.

Reps. to Quarterly mtg. Representatives appointed to Quarterly meeting May 2, hosted by Mid-Coast, will be Joann Morris, Ben Cates and Susan Morris.

Friends camp Susan Morris would like to encourage Friends families to attend Family Camp. Edna Cates urged early enrollment of children from the meeting for the Children's sessions. Irma Simon reported that FCNL has asked that the meeting update her ~~Fair~~ appointment as our representative, and she commented on

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bills regarding military aid to El Salvador and the death penalty. There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a few moments of silence.

Mildred A. Keller –
via George R. Keller, pro tem

Nominating Committee Report

Clerk · Edna Cates
Asst. Clerk · Annette Yates
Recording Clerk Mildred Keller
Treasurer Gerald Robbins
Statistical Clerk Lillian Haslam

Ministry & Counsel

Eleanor Wilson
Robert Wilson
Ernest Weed
Malvena Robbins
Irma Simon
Ann Edmondson

Edna Cates
Paul Cates
Margaret Cates
Annette Yates
George Keller
Mildred Keller

Property and Finance

Frank Edmondson
Gerald Robbins
George Keller
Ralph Kent
Margaret Cates
George Cates
Howard McCandless

Mike Yates
Maxine Robbins
Joann Austin
Dari Forman
Ben Cates
Danny Morris

Religious Education

Maxine Robbins

Elisabeth Cates

Irma Simon
Ann Edmondson
Paul Cates

Joann Austin
Margaret Cates
Susan Morris

Hospitality

Lillian Haslam
Effie Cates
Paul Cates
Maxine Robbins

Edna Cates
Annette Yates
Elisabeth Cates
Marjorie McCandless

Q. M. Ministry & Counsel

Paul Cates 3 yr
Eleanor Wilson 2yr.
Edna Cates 1yr.

Yearly Meeting Committees

Nominating - Margaret Cates
Ministry & Councel - Edna Cates
Finance - Ben Cates
Peace & Social Concerns - Susan Morris

FCNL liaison - Irma Simon

Waterville area Council of Churches - Paul Cates

5/17/81 May 17, 1981

Monthly meeting took place during a bag lunch following meeting for worship on May 17, 1981. Clerk Edna Cates opened the meeting with Query #9 on

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stewardship and a few moments of silence.

The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer

treasurer reported:

Cash on Hand	$	0.00
Checking Act		669.16
Savings Act.		129.48
Total	$	798.64

A bill for $350 was sent to the Library Association as their share of heat and electricity costs, and payment has been received with their thanks.

Bills paid were:

Central Maine Power	$ 16.98
oil	101.10
snow removal	104.00

request of Ralph Conant

A request was presented from Ralph Conant for use of the meeting house on the afternoon of June 27 for a wedding in case of rain. The Sam Ely Land Trust has also requested use of the meeting facilities for the same day (as their meeting planned for May 16th was postponed.) Friends decided to suggest to the land trust that they use China Camp facilities on the 27th and to give permission to the Conants to use the meeting house.

membership Ramseys

A request for membership has been received from James and Elizabeth Ramsey and their son, Ian. Ministry and Counsel has appointed Ann and Frank Edmondson and Annette and Michael Yates as a committee to meet with the Ramseys.

Scholarship - Friends camp

A letter from Michael Carter asked that local meetings give scholarship help to children wishing to attend China Camp. Friends approved paying half the cost of China camp for any children from the meeting who apply, as

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we have done in the past.

Yearly mtg Reps. Margaret Cates and Ernest Weed were appointed as representatives to the Yearly Meeting Sessions in August. Others may be added as plans become clear. Names should be sent in by June 20.

Yearly Mtg. Comm. Representatives to Yearly Meeting committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee - Margaret Cates
Ministry and Counsel - Edna Cates
Finance Committee - Ben Cates
Peace and Social Concerns - Susan Morris

It was pointed out that no one should serve more than five consecutive years on any of the above committees.

Equiliz. Fund Friends are reminded that the Equilization Fund is available if application is made by July 18. The meeting approved sending a contribution of $50 to the Fund.

A Marriage Enrichment weekend will be held with Ed and Dorothy Henshaw.

Prop. Com. The Property Committee mentioned the need for repairs to the porch foundation. A request was made that non-slip paint be used on the porch.

Mowing. The meeting approved paying Christopher Cates to do the mowing this summer, with the understanding that he will see that some one else takes care of it any time that he is not able to do so.

Quarterly Mtg. Ben Cates reported on the recent Quarterly Meeting held in a beautiful location at West Bath, with a speaker on the

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prison situation at Thomaston. The Quarterly meeting newsletter will continue to be sent to the Clerks for distribution.

Open Mkt.

Plans for an Open market were discussed and the date of July 25 was selected. The committee will include - but not be limited to - Danny and Susan Morris, Margaret Cates, Maxine Robbins, ~~and~~ Edna Cates and Ann Edmondson. After some discussion Friends agreed to set meeting for worship at 9am, beginning June 7, to continue until September 27.

AFSC

Irma Simon reported on a meeting with Debbie Hibbard which she had attended. The current project of this group is a petition for a bilateral ending to the nuclear arms race. Friends approved setting up a table with petitions at the open market in July. It is hoped that the petition can be put on the agenda of town meetings around the state next spring. The group is asking for contributions as well as signatures, and the meeting approved earmarking a Sunday collection for this purpose.

Debbie Hibbard's job is being cut from the AFSC budget and alternative ways are being explored to continue her work.

The meeting approved ordering a copy of Leonard Kenworthy's book and copies of a pamphet by him to distribute to new attenders.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a brief period of silence, planning to meet on the Second Sunday in June.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

June 14, 1981

Monthly meeting took place following meeting for worship on June 14, 1981.

Clerk Edna Cates opened the meeting with a reading from the Orono Newsletter and a few moments of silence.

The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$3.87
Checking Act.	436.52
Savings Act.	129.48
Treasurer	$569.87

Expenditures last month were:

The Yearly meeting Quarterly contribution	$300.00
Contribution to the Equilization Fund	50.00
Donation to Quarterly meeting	50.00
Central Maine Power	13.51
Charge for Checks	4.00

The Sunday School from its collection and from the Birthday Bear sent $50.00 to UNICEF for the work in Somalia.

Friends decided to send $100 to the Town of Vassalboro from the Cemetery Trust Funds for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Y.M. Long range planning

A letter was read from Jan Hofman of the Yearly Meeting Long Range Planning Committee. It included the questionaire results and the committee's minited recommendations. This material will be available for Friends to read at the Meeting House.

Y.M. ministry & counsel

Edna Cates reported on the Yearly meeting ministry and council sessions held on the day before. She explained the diagram that was created to be the committee's report on the spiritual condition of the Yearly meeting.

June 14, 1981

Easton Friends Commun.

It was reported that Easton Friends community in Massachusetts needs financial support from the meeting. Friends attending the Yearly meeting sessions were asked to report back with more information before we consider a contribution.

Susan Haines will go onto the committee set up to organize the Open market to be held on July 25.

The meeting discussed setting times for papering the meeting room: also for painting the exterior gable ends and for repairing the porch.

There being no further business the meeting concluded with a brief moment of silence expecting to meet again at a special meeting to be called as soon as the committee has met with the Ramseys about membership, and thereafter at a regular monthly meeting to be held the second Sunday in July.

Joann Clark Auston
Recording Clerk, pro tem

July 5, 1981

A special monthly meeting of East Vassalboro Friends was held July 5, 1981 at East Vassalboro, Maine. The report from ministry and Counsel on the application of James, Elizabeth and Ian Ramsey was accepted and approved we are happy to receive into membership the Ramsey family.

Eleanor Wilson
Recording Clerk pro tem

July 12, 1981

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends was convened July 12, 1981, following meeting for worship. Clerk Edna Cates presided.

Minutes of the June meeting were not available. The treasurer reported:

Treasurer

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Checking Act.	448.91
Savings Act.	129.48
	$578.39 Total

Paid out during the month was $12.37 to Central Maine Power and $320.00 for scholarships to Friends China Camp for children of the meeting.

correspondence

Correspondence brought to Friends' attention included an item on care of children from Yearly meeting, also a letter from the Discipline Revision Committee with Advices, Table of Contents, and Queries, with a request that these be reviewed befor Yearly meeting. Ministry and Counsel will review these on August 2nd. The Long Range Planning committee report will also be reviewed at the same time.

The Mosher Book and Tract Committee sends us a copy of "Women's Speaking" by Margaret Fell.

A project to help Friends Development Corporation pay off debts will be discussed at the next meeting. Friends at Yearly meeting should check developments and bring back information.

papering mtg. house

The matter of papering the meeting house was discussed. Friends decided to see how much it would cost professionally. Gerald Robbins will see about this.

Margaret Cates reported on Friends United meeting.

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Quarterly Mtg. Representatives to Quarterly meeting for August 8 were: Lillian Haslam, Malvena Robbins, James Ramsey and Howard McCandless.

Old aprons which have been acquired from Oak Grove will be kept in the meeting except one which ~~belongs~~ will be returned to Eileen Clement Williams who lives nearby.

Paul mentioned old magazines and Quaker books contributed to our meeting which should be looked over.

The August monthly meeting will be held at Irma's cottage on August 9th after meeting for worship.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence.

Eleanor Wilson
Recording Clerk pro tem

August 9, 1981

Meeting for business was held following a picnic at Irma Simon's cottage and consisted mainly of the following

Treasurer financial statement:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking Act.	234.45
Savings Bank	730.29
Total	$ 964.74

Profit from the Open market was $584.93.

September 20, 1981

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

nancy Blais

Members decided to send $25 to Nancy Blais who is sojourning at Pendle Hill. Friends will make individual donations and meeting will make up the difference, if any.

Treasurer

Maxine Robbins read the financial report -

Cash on hand	$47.00
Checking Act.	490.44
General Fund	730.27
Total	$1267.73

Bills paid for the interior of the meeting house were $93.75 for wallpaper labor and $100.00 for materials. To be paid is $74.75 for the oilburners contract. Paul Cates questioned whether this needed to be paid as the oil burner is new.

Porch repairs

Margaret Cates reported the porch needs to be painted. The Property Committee will meet to discuss this - and repairs. Malvena Robbins suggested a ramp be installed.

Educational Fund - Should we designate one collection per month to go into this fund.

~~First~~
Christ. Ed. Comm.

Report from the Christian Education Committee - The First Day School will have two classes: the first, taught by Sue Haines and Joann Austin, consists of Douglas Cates, Seth Haines, Ian Ramsey and Jessica Garrett; the second, taught by Jim Ramsey and Paul Cates, consists of Winfried and Dorothee Cates, Josh Haines, and Tarn Petty. A Jr/Sr. High group will not meet weekly but will meet for retreats, special events, Sept. 20, 1981

and work projects.

Hospitality

Hospitality Committee - Susan Morris suggested members should meet more frequently for purely social reasons. Paul Cates suggested the Colby student might like to help arrange a Halloween party for children and adults. Malvena Robbins suggested a game night. The committee will meet and make plans.

Peace and social concerns

Irma Simon reported on the gathering at Friends China camp to meet FCNL's representative, Allison Oldham.

She also reported on a Peace and Social Concerns retreat currently taking place at Camp. The purpose of the retreat is to plan for an organized approach to promote peace and awareness of peace throughout the state of Maine.

Correspondence

Correspondence - From Beverlie Conant Sloane thanking the meeting for the offer of the meeting House in case of rain for their wedding.

From Susan Morris, Director of Friends China camp, thanking the meeting for its generosity toward the camp this summer.

A a request from FUM to join the Chain of Prayer 1982. Ministry and Counsel will consider this.

Monthly meeting close with a few minutes of silence purposing to meet the 2nd Sunday in October.

Susan Morris
Recording Clerk pro tem

October 11, 1981

Vassalboro monthly meeting opened with queries and silent worship on Oct. 11, 1981.

The minutes were read and approved. Money for the Educational Fund is to be raised separately from the regular offering.

The treasurer reported:

Treasurer

Cash on hand	$ 57.10
Checking Act.	519.32
General Fund	338.22
Total	$ 914.64

Bills paid this month:

CMP	$ 8.97
Insurance (6mo.)	101.00
Harold Talifson Fd.	25.00
Cem. Ass. Vass.	100.00
Yearly meeting	300.00

Bills to pay soon: James Ashton

Ministry and Counsel reported that $25 from
Nancy Blais members of meeting has been sent to Nancy Blais at Pendle Hill.

Property and Finance: It was suggested that differ-
Meeting Hse ent members of meeting share responsibility for opening and closing the building and turning on and off the heat when needed.

Disarm. week FCNL and Peace: Oct. 23-31 is International Disarmament week. Oct. 26th is the day designated to call the Whitehouse to ask for a freeze on the arms race. The number is 202 456-7639.

A check of $25 was received from Kitty Bemner with sincere thanks for the memorial meeting for her

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husband. This will go into the Educational Fund.

Ruth Woodbridge died on Sept. 31st and a memorial service will be in Cambridge on Oct. 17th, 1981.

A letter was read from Sylvia Perry about Sue Devokaitis as a peace worker in Yearly meeting. We are encouraged to invite Sue to our meeting to learn of ways to implement the concern for peace. $10,000 is needed for her work, and we are urged to send contributions to the YM treasurer marked for her.

Sue Devokaitis

The Yearly meeting budget has grown and that requires more funds. The present budget calls for $23 per member. Each meeting should increase its sum by 15% this year if possible. It was decided to increase our quarterly contribution to $350 with this next payment.

YM budget

We received a request from the Maine Youth Center for money to pay for the film of the Bible. It was approved that this become a suggested project for our young people.

Me. Youth Center

Kay Carter of Orono meeting would like a Quarterly meeting for Junior Friends. There was interest among Friends here, and Irma Simon will explore the matter further and implement it.

Jr. Quarterly Mtg.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting are Joann Austin, Irma Simon and Robert and Eleanor Wilson.

Quarterly Mtg. Reps.

Joann Austin would like to set up a Quaker Children's Library. She would appreciate donation of money and books. Eleanor Wilson will endeavor to

Library

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collect books for this.

There was a discussion about treatment of meeting windows. Margaret Cates will work on this.

Ben Cates feels it is time to rebuild the porch and include a ramp. To be left to the Property Committee.

The meeting concluded with a period of silence.

Clerk pro tem. - Eleanor Wilson

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Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's report:	Cash on hand	$ 0.00
	Checking Act.	484.17
	Savings Act.	338.22
	Total	$ 822.39
Bills paid recently:	James Ashton	$ 342.15
	Water	13.50
	Yearly mtg. ($300 paid bef.)	50.00
	Sun. School materials	39.35
	CMP	11.32
To be paid in December:	Y M	$ 350.00
	oil	
	CMP	
	The Twelve (Bibles)	34.50

Paul Cates reported on the Board of Corporators

O G- C meeting of Oak Grove- Coburn to be held this afternoon at the school. There is hope for a new Quaker

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spirit growing there.

O G-C

Paul Cates proposed an ad be put in Quaker Journals by East Vassalboro meeting saying they were fully in support of Oak Grove-Coburn School. This will be presented more specifically next month. To further demonstrate Quaker backing to the school a fund raising campaign by this meeting with a goal of $1000 for the school was approved. Because of an immediate need for cash at the school the meeting will give $300 from its funds to the fund raising drive to be transmitted immediately

Garrett's Open Hse

The meeting will try to make arrangements for an open house on Nov. 22 at Peter and Jean Ann Garrett's new house. There will be a pot luck there after meeting. The meeting approved buying a house warming gift, perhaps a lamp.

AFSC

Irma Simon reported fund raising efforts for the Maine Peace worker under AFSC. There was a meeting in Winthrop which Irma Simon and Joann Austin attended to begin a telephone fund raising campaign. The meeting will consider a contribution in 1982's budget.

Friends approved gladly that the meeting house be used next Sunday, Nov. 15, for the wedding of Carlton and Sandra Cates.

A card to be signed by meeting Friends will be sent to George and Millie Keller in sympathy for the death of George's mother, Sadie Keller.

Meeting concluded with a moment of silence.

Joann Austin, Recording Clerk pro tem

December 13, 1981

Monthly meeting began with a moment of silence. There were no minutes from last meeting.

Bob Rowe

A letter from Bob Rowe was read requesting transfer of membership to Dover meeting. This was approved.

peace essay contest

There was an announcement of a peace essay contest sponsored by Kennebec County churches. We were asked to contribute $50.00 to be listed as sponsors. The money is to be put toward scholarships for essay winners. Tom Sturtevant of AFSC was listed as one of the organizers. It was decided that Joann Austin would contact Sturtevant for more details and meeting would decide on sponsoring once we had particulars.

FGC

Friends General Conference sent a letter notifying meetings of a slide show and FGC's need for slides.

A memo from Gordon Brown was read about a new study guide from Friend's World Committee.

Friends Community

A report from the Committee of Concerns on Friends Community saying that $8,000 has been received from meetings and over $50,000 has been received to replace funds lost by Community Development Co.

There were requests for money from the following: The meeting School, Pendle Hill, and Right Sharing of the World's Resources.

Russell weeks

Gerald Robbins received a letter with a check for $200 from Russell weeks who is 99 and at Lakewood Manor Nursing Home. Effie Cures suggested that members send Christmas cards. A thank you

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note will be sent to Russell Weeks.

The treasurer reported:

Treasurer

cash on hand	$250.00
Checking Act.	23.66
Savings Act.	338.22
Total	$ 611.88

Bills paid this month:

Greater Wtvl. Council of Churches	$ 5.00
CMP	19.58
Fruit of the Vine (10 subscrip.)	29.92
6 Bibles. Sun. Sch.	34.50
R. Brill - Yearly Mtg.	350.00
Silver St - Fort Halifax	84.29
~~Recently received from~~	$ 523.29

Recently received from: Julia Brown	$ 50.00
Russell Weeks	200.00
	$250.00

Fruit of Vine — "Fruit of the Vine" magazine is available for approximately $3.00 per subscription. It was decided subscriptions would be available for members and regular attenders.

Christmas — It was decided that the annual Christmas pageant would take place immediately following meeting the Sunday before Christmas. The tree will be decorated sometime before the pageant.

meeting and OGC — Danny Morris suggested meeting appoint a committee to assess meeting's relations with Oak Grove-Coburn and its further commitments. Paul Cates reported that a broadly-based meeting on

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Quaker education may soon be held. Sue Haines felt such a committee could help meeting assess its priorities in relation to many of the fund raising appeals we receive. Ben Cates felt members of meeting might consider such a committee for the next month. He also felt the budget committee might consider financial commitments and contributions from meeting. Edna Cates suggested an open discussion following meeting one week to involve more members. Paul Cates brought up the right of individuals to bring matters of concern before the meeting. Ministry and Counsel will organize a discussion of the OGC matter to be held one week before the next monthly meeting.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Danny Morris
Recording Clerk pro tem

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Meeting was called to order ~~by~~ at 11.40 by Edna Cates, Clerk, with a period of silence.

Edna then read the minutes from the two previous meetings for business, and there was some discussion of each. —

minutes a) November 8. There was some concern about the intentions in the fund raising plans for Oak Grove. It was decided to leave the minutes as read.

b) December 13. i) Joann Austin was in touch with Tom Sturtevant about the peace essay contest

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and the meeting decide to contribute $25 toward the prize.

Fruit of Vine — ii. Subscriptions to "Fruit of the Vine" - the minutes were clarified to read that, while anyone may subscribe with the meeting, the meeting will pay for the subscriptions of only those over a certain age (undefined)

iii) Paul Cates added to the minutes the matter of

Ad for OGC — Friends advertising for Oak Grove. He said a simple ad had been sent to "Friends Journal" and "Quaker Life". This was signed by the four Friends from the meeting who are directors and Lee Austin. It was financed privately.

Nom. Comm. — iv) a nominating committee consisting of Susan Morris, Danny Morris and Susan Haines was appointed.

A conference of the meeting's roles in education

Conference on Education — as mentioned in the Quarterly meeting Newsletter was discussed. Paul Cates expressed concern for the need of this and said he hoped that Bert Mason (of Friend's Council on Education) could be present as well as other Quaker educators in the Quarter. There is enthusiam for this both in the Quarter and in our meeting. A committee was set up to look further into this, consisting of Paul Cates, convenor, Frank Edmondson, Margaret Cates and Howard McCandless.

Treasurer

Treasurer's report:	Cash on hand	$ 0.00
	Checking Act	661.01
	Savings Act - Gnl. Fd.	343.01
	Total	$ 1004.07

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A special Collection for Garrett's	$30.00
Central Maine Power	18.46
Sunday School material	30.11
Christopher Cates - lawn mowing	44.00
Silver St - Ft. Halifax - oil	54.81
	$177.38

Received from outside meeting: Gertrude Smith $30.00 in memory of the Cook family of Vassalboro, and a receipt for $100.00 from AFSC. Preliminary report for 1981: Income $6112.04

Paid Out 5094.28

$1017.76

Gertrude Smith has contributed over years Maxine Robbins wrote to thank her and she wrote back.

The AFSC money was given by the Wilsons as a personal contribution and AFSC gave the meeting credit for it. At the suggestion of Ben Cates the meeting expressed appreciation to the Wilsons.

It was mentioned that Frank Parker helped keep up the grounds during the summer.

Nuclear Arms Race Freeze

Irma Simon reported on the petition drive for the Nuclear Arms Race Freeze. They have collected over 10,000 signatures. The next step is to have a resolution passed by the town meetings and we would try in both China and Vassalboro. Eleanor Wilson will also try in Jefferson. Next will be the state Legislature.

Edna Cates read a letter from Mt. Kisc, monthly meeting. They want to establish a burial ground and

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wanted information on ours. Ben Cates said we have no policy, but suggested that the Property Committee work on one as part of answering their questions. They will also respond to the letter before Feb 12 - the reques of Mt. Toby.

A request for funds from a residential, inter-generational community and Friends Center in Orlando, Fl. was turned down because we felt too many pressing needs closer to home. The letter will be posted for individual response.

Robin Mello & Tom Levesque marriage

Request for marriage by Robin Mello and Tom Levesqu in May. They are not Friends but desire to be married under the care of the meeting. A Clearness Committee was formed consisting of Joann Austin, convenor, Sue and Phil Haines and Ben Cates.

Nom. com.

Report of the nominating committee. The nominations were all approved. There was discussion of other matters: 1) The meeting approved of having a Peace and Social Concerns Committee as proposed by the nominating committee; 2) It was suggested that we set up a rotating schedule of 3-year terms on the Committees and to start this year. The committees will divide their members into 3 groups - members serving 3, 2 and 1 years. Every year 1/3 of the members of each committee would automatically go off and their positions would be filled by new people; 3) It was also suggested that the individual committees should appoint people for Quarterly and Yearly meeting committees. These people do not have to be members

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of the respective monthly meeting committees, but do have to be people who could get to the meetings; 4) ministry and counsel will consider a representative to the waterville council of Churches; 5) Edna Cates asked the Committees to meet and appoint a convenor, as well as set up the 3-2-1 year schedule, and report to Eleanor wilson; 6) Ben Cates suggested a note of appreciation by the meeting for the nominating committee.

Quarterly Mtg

Quarterly meeting will be the first weekend in February in North Fairfield. It will be a musical program. Our representatives will be Lillian Haslam, margaret Cates, malvena Robbins, Esther Holt and Effie Cates.

Jersey Cattle Club lunch

margaret Cates brought up the possibility of hosting the maine Jersey Cattle Club at the meeting house for lunch on April 10. we provide the meal and they pay up to $3.00 per meal. 60-65 people. It was felt we wanted to do this and that hospitality would organize it.

drapery

margaret Cates brought up the matter of drapery material. It was decided that this could wait. It and several other matters (roof, Ceilings and hand rails) were referred to the property committee.

Effie Cates suggested that we try to stand to speak in meeting and speak louder as not everyone can hear.

Old Pond Mtg house

Susan morris reported that there will be a celebration at the Old Pond meeting House this summer. This will be coordinated with Quarterly meeting day, which is also the library sale weekend. This did not seem to pose any insurmountable problem.

Edna Cates mentioned literature which she had

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from Pendle Hill, Orono meeting, Creative Aging and AFSC.

Edna Cates Thanked the meeting for its help the past two years. And the meeting expressed appreciation for its outgoing officers.

At 1:10 the meeting was concluded with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted:
Susan E. Haines

Report of Nominating Committee

Clerk. Eleanor Wilson
Recording Clerk Susan Haines
Asst. Clerk - Annette Yates
Treasurer Gerald Robbins
Statistical Clerk. Lillian Haslam
Ass't Treasure Maxine Robbins

Ministry & Counsel
Annette Yates
Robert Wilson
Irma Simon
Malvena Robbins
Mildred Keller
George Keller
Susan Haines
Ann Edmondson
Paul Cates
Margaret Cates

Property & Finance
Gerald Robbins
Maxine Robbins
James Ramsey
Howard McCandless
Frank Edmondson
Margaret Cates
Benjamin Cates
Joann Austin
Dari Forman

Religious Education
James Ramsey
Maxine Robbins
Margaret Cates
Susan Morris
Susan Haines
Joann Austin
Ann Edmondson
Paul Cates

Hospitality	Peace & Social Concerns
maxine Robbins	Irma Simon
Elisabeth Ramsey	James Ramsey
marjorie Mc Candless	Susan morris
Elisabeth Cates	
Effie Cates	
Lillian Haslam	

Quarterly meeting ministry & Counsel
3yr - George keller
2yr - Paul Cates
1yr - Eleanor Wilson

Yearly meeting committees
Nominating - margaret Cates
ministry & Counsel - mildred keller
Finance - Benjamin Cates
Peace & Social Concerns - Susan morris | James Ramsey

FCNL liaison - Irma Simon

Waterville Area Council of Churches - Paul Cates

Recorded ministers
Ernest Weed malvena Robbins Paul Cates

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The meeting was called to order at 11.20 by Eleanor Wilson, clerk, by reading the 4th Query. There followed some moments of silence.

committee rotation

The recording clerk's report of the January meeting was accepted with a clarification of the committee rotation system - an individual may serve two consecutive 3-year terms before automatically going off for at least one year. Only after the year may he/she serve again on that committee.

There was a discussion of recording those people present at meeting for business. It was decided to try passing a paper around for people to sign.

Treasurer

Treasurer's report		
	Cash on Hand	$ 50.00
	Checking Act.	764.82
	Savings Act.	343.01
		$ 1157.88

Bills paid recently		
	oil	$ 54.81
	water	13.50
	electricity	34.22

Bills to be paid in march		
	Yearly meeting	$ 350.00
	oil	—
	electricity	—

In addition the 1981 financial statement was presented. The 1982 budget is being prepared. The income during 1981 was approximately $1,100 more than outgo; $900 of that was interest.

wedding Robin Mello Tom Levesque

Report of the Clearness Committee for Robin Mello and Tom Levesque. A very enjoyable evening was spent with them. The committee found them to be well-

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suited for each other, and reccommended the meeting help them with their wedding plans. The meeting approved and at the suggestion of Robin and Tom appointed a Committee of Oversight to include Ben Cates, Joann Austin and Phil and Sue Haines. The wedding date is now set for April 17.

Correspondence: a) A letter from two people in Framingham Friends meeting requesting information about New England Friends meetings and a picture of meeting houses. Maxine and Robbins will answer that.

b) An announcement from FGC about the Rufus Jones lecture will be posted for all to see.

Old Business: a) Religious Education Committee was inadvertantly not approved last month, but was today.

b) Edna Cates asked to be taken off all committees. It was decided not to replace her as the committees seemed large enough.

c) The various committees were again asked to meet and appoint a clerk and the 3-yr. rotation.

d) The committee to look into a conference on the meetings' roles in education has not met according Paul Cates but will soon.

Nuclear Arms Race Freeze

e) Irma Simon reported on the Nuclear Arms Race Freeze work. There are about 12,000 signatures to be presented to the president and congress. The China selectmen rejected, by a 2-2 vote, an effort to have a resolution supporting this on their warrant for town meeting. However, Wilson's have gotten such a resolution on Jefferson's warrant. There is now an effort to

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bring the resolution before the state legislature. It is presently in a committee, and members of that committee are being contacted. Irma also has a letter asking for individual signature and donation for a newspaper ad.

Memorial Service. Karen LaFollette

f) A beautiful and exceeding well-attended memorial service was held on January 30 in the meeting house in memory of Karen Keller La Follette. A real sense of God's Spirit seemed to surround those present.

Meeting was closed at 12.10 with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E Haines

March 14, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was called to order at 11:35 am on March 14, 1982 by Clerk Eleanor Wilson. Following a reading of the 5th Query there was a period of silent worship.

The minutes of the last meeting for business were read and approved.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking Act.	583.38
Savings Act.	406.62
Total	$990.00

Paid out from donations:

ALS Society of America	$20.00

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CMP Co.	3569
Yearly meeting	350.00
Warren Manter	25.00
(Snow removal)	

George Keller sent us a check which will more than cover our extra expenses for Karen's memorial service. Also, the treasurer received a letter of appreciation from George and Millie Keller. The Finance Committee has met and presented us with the proposed 1982 budget. The Treasurer's report, Annual report and 1982 budget were all approved.

Gerald Robbins also reported that he and Maxine had responded to Framingham Friends who requested information about the meeting house.

Correspondence: 1) A thank you letter from the Kellers was read.

2) An old letter (Oct. 1981) from Nancy Blais thanking us for a gift of money was read.

3) A note was made about the FGC gathering this summer.

Old Business: 1) The committee on the meetings' Role in Education has met and is thinking of a conference to be held in Oct. Hopefully Bert Mason and Miriam Brown will be able to be present. The title is "Education for the World we Live In."

Friends role in Edn

2) Eleanor Wilson now has recorded the heads and rotation schedules for all the Committees. The treasurer was agreed to be an ex officio member of Property and Finance.

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nuclear Arms freeze

3) Nuclear Arms Race Freeze. The resolution was passed in Jefferson and in the State Legislature. It is on the warrant in Vassalboro.

4) The letter requesting information about our cemetery has not been answered because we do not have the answers, but it is hoped that the questions~~aires~~ asked may help us clarify our situation.

dinner for Jersey cattle club

5) Dinner for the Maine Jersey Cattle Club - On April 10. As there may be 100 people the committee has asked about the use of the Grange. The downstairs will cost $75, which seemed acceptable. The menu will include beans, meat loaf, rolls and cole slaw. The committee asks for lots of help as the time approaches. The charge will be $3.50 per person.

New business: 1) Spiritual Condition Report. Questionaires were handed out to be filled out by each family. Ministry and Counsel will compile the results.

Yates'

2) Mike Yates reported on the situation with Annette's former husband. Leeann and Kirk have written to him to ask that he not come to meetings, and he did not. The meeting expressed support for the whole family.

mello-Levesque wedding

3) The Oversight Committee for the wedding of Robin Mello and Tom Levesque reported plans are going well. The wedding will be here at 1pm on April 17 with the entire meeting invited. The meeting was also asked to provide coffee and light

refreshments immediately after the service in the meeting house. The Oversight Committee will coordinate this.

Easter

4) Easter - we decided we would like to have the men's breakfast on Easter morning. Any possible special program will be discussed by ministry and counsel. Peter Garrett and Ann Edmondson are thinking of special music.

5) There was some discussion of when the next business meeting will be as it will fall on Easter. It was decided to have it on April 18 with Annette Yates serving as clerk if Eleanor Wilson cannot make it.

"Songs of Spirit"

6) Phil Haines asked if the meeting would consider buying 30 copies of "Songs of the Spirit" at $3.50 each. It was approved.

Hymnal for Friends" - Colby

7) Dearle Ricker, a visitor from Colby, said she thought Colby had 20 copies of "A Hymnal for Friends". She will enquire whether we might buy them.

Library

8) Children's Library - Eleanor Wilson is collecting books but has very few. Esther Holt will be the librarian when we have enough books.

The meeting concluded at 12.35 with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Haines, Recording Clerk

April 18, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was called to order at 11:35am on April 18, 1982 by Clerk Eleanor Wilson. Following a reading of the query on family life there was a period of silent worship.

The minutes of the recording clerk were accepted after the notation of a few changes.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$ 25.62
Checking Act	293.67
Savings Act.	691.93
Total	$ 1011.22

Bills paid recently:

Sunday School materials	$ 29.77
Insurance	106.00
Oil	79.85
CMP	25.84
Ben Coles (painting ceiling dining room)	315.00
water	13.50
Flowers for children (Easter)	9.00
Easter breakfast	10.00
Wedding refreshments	" 9.38

We took in $146.00 from the Cattlemen's dinner at the Grange, and subtracting $75, which is the most the Grange will charge us, we have a profit of approximately $71.

Correspondence: Eleanor Wilson put some material on the bench for us to look at.

Equil. Fund a) Two requests for money - i) The Equalization Fund which is used to help those who could otherwise not afford to go to Yearly meeting. Young

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Friends can have half their way paid and others one third. We have given $50 in the past and decided to do so again.

Com. on Poverty & Prejudice

ii) The Committee on Prejudice and Poverty - to which Yearly meeting members donate money which is given to beginning businesses or other needy projects. In the past we have given on an individual basis and will do so again this year.

b) notices about China Camp have been posted on the board.

dinner for cattlemen

Old Business : a) Margaret Cates reported on the dinner for the Jersey Cattle Club - It was very successful and a good dinner. There we 54 present which was smaller than sometimes, but everyone had a good time, and we made $146 less what the Grange will charge ($65-75).

Mello-Levesque wedding

b) Phil Haines reported on the wedding of Robin Mello and Tom Levesque. It was a very vocal service, but seemed to be satisfactory, and all legal requirements were met.

"Songs of the Spirit"

c) Phil Haines also reported on the status of ordering of "Songs of the Spirit". He will take care of the ordering, and George and Millie Keller want to donate them to us in memory of Karen Keller LaFollette. We will look into getting a book plate for them.

roll call letter

d) The Roll Call letter will be written by a committee consisting of Malvena Robbins, Maxine Robbins and Effie Cates.

China camp

e) Report on China Camp - Applications are being accepted, and the 2nd and 3rd sessions are filling fast

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In the past we have paid half the cost ($80) for those from our meeting who requested aid. If anyone needed more than this the request went to the camp committee. The meeting again agree to provide half the cost. Those needing aid should contact Ben Cates.

Spiritual condition — f) The Spiritual Condition Report, written by ministry and counsel, was read by Irma Simon. The meeting expressed pleasure and approval.

New Business: Eleanor Wilson read a certificate of

membership Phil, Joshua Seth Haines — removal from Moorestown Monthly Meeting for Philip, Joshua and Seth Haines. The meeting was very pleased to welcome them here. Eleanor Wilson will write Moorestown meeting.

b) Malvena Robbins expressed concern about the

Cemetery fence — cemetery fence. The Property Committee will get to it when they can, and Phil Haines offered the support of the meeting.

c) The need was pointed out for new paper for the dining room.

Quarterly mtg. — d) Quarterly meeting will be Saturday, May 1. in Winthrop, and the speaker will be Sue Derokaitis. Representatives will be Joann Austin, Sue Haines, Margaret Cates, Irma Simon and Malvena Robbins.

e) Edna Cates asked that we hold Quarterly meeting in our prayers, as various meetings are experiencing various problems.

f) Annette Yates asked whether we could consider having a craft table at the rummage sale money raising event

this year. This sparked quite a discussion about whether we wanted to have a rummage sale, and if so, what our motives were for doing so - whether strictly for the money or for the betterment of our, or the wider, community. It was felt that if it was for the money, perhaps we could just give the money and save us the work and time. A strawberry festival, or something similar, was suggested as a means of doing something for the community; we could either charge or accept donations. A craft table and/or baked good table would still be possible. We will think about this during the month and discuss it further next month.

g) Margaret Cates is collecting pictures or stories about Louie and Clarabel Marsteller to be put in a book for them.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.40 following a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E Haines

Certificate of Marriage

Whereas, Thomas Gerard Levesque, of the town of Vassalboro, County of Kennebec, and State of Maine, son of Norman Leo Levesque, and Josie Allen Levesque, his wife of Winslow, Maine, and Robin Ann Mello, of the town of Vassalboro, County of Kennebec and State of Maine, daughter of Richard Peter Mello, of Huntington, New York, and Marie Fantony Mello, of Oakdale, New York, having declared their intentions of marriage with each other to the East Vassalboro monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at the East Vassalboro, Maine, according to the good order used among them, their proposed marriage was allowed by that meeting.

Now these are to certify that for the accomplishment of their marriage, this Seventeenth day of the Fourth month, in the year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Two, they, the said Thomas Gerard Levesque and Robin Ann Mello, appeared in the duly appointed meeting held at East Vassalboro, Maine, under the oversight of East Vassalboro monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and Thomas Gerard Levesque, taking Robin Ann Mello, by the hand, did on this solemn occasion declare that he took her to be his wife, promising with divine assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithful husband as long as they both shall live; and thereupon Robin Ann Mello did in the like manner declare that she took him, Thomas Gerard Levesque, to be her husband, promising, with divine assistance, to be unto him, a loving and faithful wife as long as they both shall live.

And in further confirmation thereof they, the said Thomas Gerard Levesque and Robin Ann Mello, did then and there to these present set their hand.

Thomas Gerard Levesque
Robin Ann Mello

May 9, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was called to order at 11.30 am on May 9, 1982 by Annette Yates, Assistant Clerk. There followed a period of silent worship.

The report of the Recording Clerk was read and accepted.

Treasurer — The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking Act.	134.58
Savings Act.	691.93
Total	$826.51

Bills paid recently:

Grange	$50.00
Ym equilization Fd	50.00
Masse- snowplowing	205.00
CMP Co.	29.91
	$334.91

The final profit from the Jersey Cattle Club dinner was $96.00.

Roll call — Effie Cates read the Roll Call letter which that committee had written. The Committee requested that we have a Roll Call meeting on June 6 when we would read letters that have been sent in reply to the Roll Call letter. The meeting approved of the letter and agreed to the Roll call meeting.

Cemetery — Effie Cates and Sue Haines reported on the cemetery fence, part of which had been taken down the day before by a small, but enthusiastic, crew. There remains more to be done, as the cemetery is to be expanded, and another work day will be called.

Sunday School — Sue Haines reported that Sunday School will end for the summer on May 30. Irma Simon said that this

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is also Peace Sabbath, sponsored by many peace groups. Paul Cates and Sue Haines, Sunday school teachers, will try to work out something for the Sunday School to do for meeting that Sunday, possibly on a peace theme.

meeting time change

June 6th, the first Sunday in June, the meeting hour will change to 9.00 am for the summer. Irma Simon offered to get this change to the newspapers. As it was pointed out that the papers still list Edna Cates as clerk, Irma Simon will also have this changed to Annette Yates, Assistant Clerk and list her phone number.

summer "event"

The strawberry festival was again discussed. It was eventually felt that this would entail more work and time than anyone felt they could give, so we turned to other projects. Paul Cates suggested a "non-supper" as a way to make money. We also discussed having a hymn sing with or without a special group and serving refreshments, afterwards. We leaned away from ascing any one group, and in favor of just a simple hymn sing. Ben Cates suggested asking other church groups in town to join us. Definite plans were left to next month.

Irma Simon asked that we have a carry-in dinner after meeting on May 23 with a special concern to include our more elderly Friends. We decided to have it at 11.30 am, and to invite some Friends from South China.

Paul Cates to FGC

Paul Cates said that his family is thinking of going to Friends General Conference as something the whole family could do. He asked whether the

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meeting would give them the money which would otherwise be used to send his children to camp for this purpose. The meeting agreed.

The correspondence consisted of two newsletters - from AFSC and FWCC (Friends World Committee on Consultation) which were placed on the side bench.

Peace Activities

Irma Simon reported on peace activities which are all coming together on June 12th in conjunction with the UN Special Assembly. She also reported on the Nuclear Arms Freeze - 55 towns have passed the resolution, 6 state legislatures and there are now bills in the national legislatures. Kennedy's bill best accords with our wishes, and she urged us to write Senator Cohen and Representative Emery to urge them to support it.

The meeting closed at 12:30 pm with a moment of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Haines
Recording Clerk

May 30, 1982

On May 30, 1982 at 11.15 am a special meeting for business was called to order by Clerk Eleanor Wilson with a period of silent worship. This meeting was called to discuss the relationship of the meeting with Richard Horner, the former husband of Annette Yates and the father of Lee Ann and Kirk.

Ben Cates gave some back ground information - some

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time ago Richard Horner had promised to stay away from meeting. Two weeks ago he came, unrecognized and/or unknown by many. Last week he came again and was spoken to for the whole hour by several members who tried all approaches to get him to leave. Eventually, completely frustrated, they called the police, and Richard Horner left before the police arrived. He had said he would come again next week.

Mike Yates then spoke. He urged us not to take steps with which anyone feels uncomfortable. Mike will take a temporary leave of absence from meeting for as long as Richard Horner feels he must come, leaving us to decide how we will deal with Richard Horner. Mike asked us not to act as intermediaries between Yates' and Horner.

Annette Yates agreed with Mike in that they can not attend while Richard Horner is here, or even in the parking lot. She urged us to find unity in any action we take. She also outlined the present legal status - that the original court order giving her custody and him liberal visiting rights still stands; but that immediately after that hearing Horner disappeared with the children for two years. The advice of lawyers is that if the court order is to be changed, Horner should take it to court and he will not. Annette has tried to work it out in many ways, and Richard Horner is not cooperative. Annette thanked the meeting for its support.

In a letter from Richard Horner he stated that he was coming to meeting "to start applying mild pressure" to Mike and Annette. He appears to desire the confrontation, and if he does not get it in meeting he may go to Yates' house. Mike is prepared to deal with him there. It was suggested that we let him come to meeting and ignore him. Perhaps he will give up. A mid-week meeting was suggested as a way of worshipping with the Yates'.

Another way to deal with him is to call the police again. The policeman, hopefully, warned him last week to stay away, and if he returns, he is guilty of trespass. There was some feeling that Horner sees himself as a martyr, and this action would re enforce that. Eleanor and Bob Wilson's son, a psychiatrist, felt letting Horner know that we had authority behind us and would use it was a good action. Eleanor offered to speak to him as clerk to see if that would work.

Peter Garrett spoke in favor of trying to listen to him - to appeal to that of God in him. Others felt that Horner was very difficult, or impossible, to reason with or "touch".

We had a period of silent worship.

As some members had to leave, and we found no clear leading to any specific action, we decided to do nothing ourselves now, and let God lead us.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Haines
Recording Clerk

June 13, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened following meeting for worship on June 13, 1982, by Clerk Eleanor Wilson with ten present. The Ninth Query, concerning stewardship, was read and a period of silent worship followed.

There was no financial report in the absence of the Treasurer.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepte

minutes Minutes of the special monthly meeting held May 30, regarding the relationship of the meeting with Richard Horner, were approved after several changes.

Requests for contributions have been received from

contributions Pendle Hill, Friends World Committee for Consultation, and Friends Council on Education. These will be held until the next meeting to be considered when the Treasurer is on hand.

A letter was read from Hominy Friends Meeting

Osage Indians in Oklahoma asking Friends' support for the Osage Indian National Organization in seeking reorganization to allow fuller participation in government by those with 1/4 or more Osage blood. They urge that letters be sent to Morris K. Udall and to Senator William Cohen, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affai in support of H.R. #5425 and in opposition to H.R. 5989. Irma Simon was suggested as the person to handle this.

A question was raised as to whether a name other than Annette Yates should be given in the newspaper as contact person for the meeting, since she is temporarily taking leave. It was suggested that

Susan Haines' name be listed instead, providing this is agreeable to Annette.

Equilization Fd. Financial help is available for Yearly meeting attendence from the Equilization Fund. Applications may be requested from the Clerk.

Wayne Louser-Peace Prog. Wayne Louser, a Friend from Brattleboro, Vt., has offered to come to Vassalboro on Aug. 11 to give a peace program, including songs, puppets and a slide show, asking only for hospitality and a donation toward gas for his car. Friends approved of accepting his offer, and the Clerk will write accordingly to Wayne Louser after checking with Clarabel Marstaller. It was agreed that this program would take the place of the hymn sing discussed earlier. Ester Holt offered to provide lodging for Wayne Louser.

assistant Stat. Clerk A suggestion was made that we appoint an assistant to work with Lillian Haslum in recording the statistics of the meeting. The matter has been left open for further consideration.

meeting at Pond mtg. Hse. James Ramsey has informed the Clerk that permission has been obtained to hold unprogrammed meetings on Sunday at the Pond meeting House. Vassalboro ~~with~~ will cooperate in every way possible with this worship group.

Wtvl. Con. of Churches George Keller reported that he had been invited to attend the Waterville Council of Churches meetings in an "at large" capacity. The meeting suggested he serve also as Vassalboro's representative.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 after a period

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of silent worship.

Mildred Keller - pro tem

July 11, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was called to order by Clerk Eleanor Wilson at 10:30 am on July 11, 1982 following meeting for worship by reading the query on work. A period of silent worship followed.

The June minutes were approved.

The treasurer reported as follows for both June and July:

Treasurer

June 14, 1982	Cash on hand	$0.00
	Checking Act.	464.68
	Savings Act.	691.93
		$1156.61
Bills paid recently	CMP	$15.47
	Yearly mtg	350.00

The treasurer noted that 40 copies of "Songs of the Spirit" had been purchased for the meeting in memory of Karen Keller La Follette and donated by her parents and Chester Baker.

July 11, 1982	Cash on hand	$0.00
	Checking Act.	336.81
	Savings Act.	691.93
		$1028.74

Bills paid recently:

CMP $16.40

and to Paul Cates for his family to go to FGC $320

July 11, 1982

requests for money

Last month's correspondence included 3 requests for money which were held over for this month. We now decided to give $25 to Friends Council on Education, $25 to Friends World Committee on Consultation and to let Friends make personal contributions to Pendle Hill.

puppet show

Susan Morris said the puppet show could take place at Friend's camp and she will make arrangements. Fr Simon and Ben Stokes will be in touch with her and ask her to keep us informed.

Faith & Pract. revision

A letter from the "Faith and Practice" revision committee was read and copies of the revised advices were handed out to be read and commented on. The committee would like them to get a second approval at Yearly meeting.

Osage Indians

Eleanor Wilson sent five letters concerning the Osage Indians and their desire for fuller governmental participation. She read the one reply she received from Congressman Emery.

assistant to Stat. clerk

Ester Holt was suggested as a possible assistant to Lillian Haslam, Statistical Clerk.

Eleanor Wilson agreed to serve as an alternate for Sue Haines to Yearly Meeting in case Sue does not get here.

Yearly Mtg. rep. to Mins Coun.

Millie Keller cannot be the meeting representative to Yearly meeting Ministry and Counsel. We agreed to ask Edna Cates to serve.

Annette Yale will continue to have her name in the newspaper as the meeting contact person.

Sue Haines will write the Kellers to thank them for "Songs of the Spirit".

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picnic at wilsons

Bob and Eleanor Wilson had invited the meeting for a picnic at their house. As we had trouble finding a date it was decided to bring it up after meeting next Sunday. Children are reminded to wear sneakers in swimming because of clam shells.

We closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Haines
Recording Clerk

August 8, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was called to order by Clerk Eleanor Wilson at 10:20 am following meeting for worship. A period of silent worship followed the reading of the query on social responsibility.

The minutes from the July meeting were accepted with one correction.

Treasurer

The treasurer's report:

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Checking Act	236.36
Savings Act	691.93
	$ 953.29

Helen Coles Wyman Memorial Fund $158.00

Bills paid recently:

Friends Camp (4 children)	$ 320.00
E.V. water system	13.50
Friends Council on Education	25.00
Friends World Comm. for Consult.	25.00
CMP Co.	8.88
Wayne Lauser - Puppet Show	25.00
	$ 416.88

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In September we will pay: Insurance $106.
Yearly mtg. $350
Total $456

Correspondence: 1) From Clergy and Laity Concerned concerning Reagan's budget because he is taking money
CALC from the poor. They sent us cards to fill out and send in, but Eleanor Wilson urged us to send letters directly to our congressmen as the more effective response. Paul Cates reported that Representative Olympia Snow had spoken strongly agreeing with this concern.

2) A letter from Senator Bill Cohen about the Osage Indian situation. He did not state his opinion but did give more facts in the case.

3) Two magazines want our subscriptions - Sojourner which will be put on the bench and Friends Journal which wants us to subscribe for members away at school. We decided to let that go for now.

The picnic at Wilson's will be held on August 29, rain or shine.

Horner Richard Horner did not come to meeting today. Edna Cates reported that Barbara Warren has consulted with both Annette Yates and Richard Horner. She would be willing to help us work out a way to deal with the situation if we wish. We decided to do nothing for now.

There was some concern that there is only one
statistical copy of the statistical records - with Lillian Hadlock,
records who is, at the moment, not well. Esther Holt is able to help out if the need arises, but cannot take over

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the job as she is not a meeting member.

Ben Cates reported talking to George Keller abou
a lot in the cemetery where the ashes of Karen Keller
La Follette have now been put. George and Millie Keller
cemetery eventually will have their ashes put there also. They
will put up a small stone. Gerald Robbins has noted
this on the map. Edna Cates was concerned that we
have only one copy of the map. Eleanor Wilson suggested
that we duplicate the cemetery map and the statistical
records together. Maxine Robbins said that we need to
decide on a charge for each lot. Edna Cates asked whether
we needed to charge. Maxine replied that people have
paid in the past with different costs for members and
non-members. It was thought that the money should
go into a perpetual care fund. It was suggested that
members be asked to donate money with a set fee for
non-members. The property committee will decide on
this. Mowing has been done by the town, and last year
we were billed around the end of August.

Elisabeth Cates told us that Russell Weeks will
Russell Weeks be 100 years old on August 27. We urged Friends
to send cards. His address is: Lakewood Manor

220 Kennedy Memorial
Waterville, ME 04901

Edna Cates was concerned about being responsible
for music each Sunday. She does not know when Ann
music Edmondson is coming, and does not like to leave the
meeting with no one. Last week she asked Tom
Levesque and Robin Mello which worked out very

well. We agreed that Edna did not need to feel responsible for finding a replacement if she would not be here; we would take things as they came.

Ben Cates reported a possible problem with the hot water heater, and the fact that three different groups from camp had spent a night in the Meeting House. Ben will find someone to look at the heater.

Two couples came to meeting at 10 am this morning which prompted ~~a~~ discussion on our publicity. We have
publicity
been quite regular in having summer hours (meeting at 9 am) from June 1 through October 1. Friends World Committee puts out a booklet listing meetings and times, and does not have our summer hours. Sie Haines will write to them.

Maxine Robbins announced that all our children are welcome at Vacation Bible School at the Winslow Baptist Church.

Edna Cates said that Esther Holt has some very nice slides of Tasmania which we all might like to see. We thought we might be able to see them at the picnic if it rains. Edna will contact Esther to work out a time.

Elisabeth Cates suggested that we needed to update
meeting list
the meeting list as some people's names are missing and some addresses are changed. The Garrett's have also suggested that the list include telephone numbers.

Paul Cates reported that Winthrop Meeting has hired a new minister, Karen Jordan, on a one-year appointment basis. She is from Earlham College and Yale Divinity

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School. She officially starts on Sept. 1, but will be here earlier.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E Haines,
Recording Clerk

September 12, 1982

Monthly meeting was opened by Sue Haines, Clerk pro tem, with a period of silent worship. Ben Lakes agreed to serve as recording Clerk, pro tem.

Fred Hoffman

A guest, Fred Hoffman, whose wife is the minister at North Fairfield Friends Church, introduced himself and his daughter, Sarah.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved with minor changes.

Treasurer

The treasurer's report:

Cash on hand	$ 120.50
Checking Act.	185.62
Savings Act.	485.31
Total	$ 891.43

Bills paid recently:

Vassalboro Cemetery Assoc.	$ 100.00
China Camp	240.00
Mary Wing - Cemetery work	75.00
roof paint	188.74
	$ 603.74

To be paid soon:

Insurance	$104.00
Rob't Brill. Yearly Mtg	350.00
Cemetery work	275.00

Margaret Cates reported for the Property Committee on the cemetery vandalism. Mary Wing, town cemetery worker,

Cemetery

has been engaged to do the necessary work on the stones which were bent and broken. The cost will be $350, $125 to level and rebrace the leaning stones and $225 to level and repair the broken stones. Of the total we expect to receive $200 from the parents of the children involved.

It was decided to ask Orono Friends to visit meeting

Orono visit

and join us for pot luck lunch on Oct. 3 at 10 am. They will be asked to bring bread and we will provide the rest of the meal. The Hospitality Committee will be in charge. Edna Cates will be in contact with people at Orono.

Paul Cates reported on a two-day conference on the

Conf. on Educ.

subject of Friends and Education to be held at our meeting House October 15 and 16. This is sponsored by Quarterly meeting. A Committee of Paul Cates and the Hospitality Committee was set up to make further arrangements.

It was decided to send $25 to the Margaret Bryan memorial Fund. William Bryan was our supply pastor several years ago.

special mtg with Yates

We decided to have a special meeting for worship with the Yates' family while Mike's parents are visiting. This will be either Saturday or Sunday, September 18 or 19, and include dessert.

The Richard Horner situation was discussed again.

Horner

Susan Morris feels we should prevent him from coming into meeting as we had said we would do, and, have done, previously. The pros and cons were gone

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over again, but there was no concensus as to this course of action.

Fred Hoffman spoke of a conference at Dam Cove Lodge with George Watson in regard to the peaceful Kingdom to be held sometime in October.

Irma Simon urged us to boycott Red Coach lettuce.

Maxine Robbins read an invitation from Winslow Baptist Church to attend some of their week of rededication activities. We appointed Malvena, Maxine and Gerald Robbins as our representatives.

Meeting was closed with a period of silent worship, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Cates and Susan Haines

October 10, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was called to order at 11:30 by clerk Eleanor Wilson by reading the 12th Query - on peace and reconciliation.

The minutes from last month were accepted as read.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported:	Cash on hand	$ 0.00
	Checking Act	36.04
	Savings Act.	485.31
	Total	$ 521.35

$550 was withdrawn from the M.O. Foster Fund to pay for the cemetery work by Mary Wing.

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Bills paid recently:

CMP	$19.61
Sharp's Penn wallpapers	30.40
Cancer Tumor Clinic- Mem. Margaret Bryan	25.00
Mary Wing- cemetery	275.00
Yearly meeting	350.00
heating element- water heater	14.83
Parsons Orford Mutual Ins.	106.00
Total	$820.84

The wallpaper has arrived. Mary Wing has completed the work. Ben Cates gave the bill to Constable Dick Jerolman to get collection, through the courts, from the parents of the children.

Correspondence: a) A Thank-you note, dated 8/15/82, from Lee Ann and Kirk Horner and Julie and John Yates, thanking the meeting for helping them to go to Friends Camp.

b) Dorothy and Sidney Yates wrote to thank us for the Sunday evening get together. The Wilson will stop by Mike and Annette Yates' house with the letter.

Chain of Prayer

c) FUM asked us to join in the Chain of Prayer for 1983. It will be from Jan 1 to April 3, Easter. We decided we would like to participate on Jan. 2 by starting with a worship together, and continuing participating in spirit throughout the day as we go about our tasks. Eleanor Wilson will write FUM with this plan to see if they accept this.

d) Amawalk Friends in N.Y. requested money toward their building fund for a new First Day School building. We decided not to contribute.

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e) A letter from the Friends Medical Society, telling about themselves will be posted.

f) Margaret Cates received a letter from Kara was asking Margaret to be a contact person for Fum She agreed.

Quarterly Mtg. Quarterly meeting will be in Ellsworth on Nov 6. Eleanor and Bob Wilson will be going and will be representatives. Sue Haines will be another. Joann Austin will also be there.

Rep. to Y.M. Min. & Counsel Millie Keller cannot continue to be our representati to Yearly meeting ministry and counsel. Edna Cates agreed to take her place.

Winslow Bapt. reded. Malvena, Maxine and Gerald Robbins attended various activities of the Winslow Baptist church's rededication week. They reported on a very nice facility. Steve Robbins is the librarian and has a good library. They gave us several books.

Orono visit Edna Cates reported that Orono meeting will join us on Oct. 31 for meeting at 10 am and a pot luck lunch. Tom Levesque and Robbin Mello will entertain while lunch is being set up. Orono people are bringing dessert and bread, and we will provide the rest. The Hospitality Committee will provide drinks.

Oak Grove Paul Cates reported on the situation at Oak Grove Coburn. There are 8 students there from our meeting. The recruiting program is very good, but it is too soon to see results yet. Therefore, there will be a $100,000 deficit this year. In terms of our children the school has to raise about $10,000 above what

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the children are paying.

Irma Simon reported that Tom and Denny Ewell will be Field Secretary and Administrative Secretary of the Yearly meeting. Denny has not yet been confirmed by Permanent Board, but probably would be. She also reported that Tracy Booth, Clerk of Yearly meeting ministry and Counsel, would like to speak briefly at Quarterly meeting on the Interfaith Action Committee.

Meeting for business concluded at 12.30 with a few minutes of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted.
Susan Haines

November 21, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was convened by Clerk Eleanor Wilson at 11.35 with a reading of the First Query. There followed a period of silent worship.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer

The treasurer's report:	Cash on Hand	$37.21
	Checking Act.	196.05
	Savings Act.	485.31
		$ 718.57
Three bills were paid:	Sunday Sch. materials	$82.41
	Water Bill	13.50
	CMP	13.18

Friends commun.

Correspondence: a) Committee of Concern at Friends Community, Friends Community went bankrupt and people who loaned them money need the money. This is the second

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request we have received to raise money to pay back debts. This will be left to individuals.

ME Youth Center

b) The Maine Youth Center in South Portland would like gifts. This will be turned over to Jounn Austin as head of Sunday School.

Pendle Hill

c) Pendle Hill requested money. This will be left to individuals.

meeting for Clerks

d) Yearly meeting ministry and counsel announces a meeting for Clerks in Hartford. There will be another one in the Spring up this way.

Tom & Denny Ewell

e) A letter telling about Tom and Denny Ewell as Field and Administrative Secretaries was passed around and posted.

FUM request

f) A request for money from FUM was given to Margaret Cates as Chairperson of Finance. There was some thought that since Yearly meeting gives to both FUM and FCG we might not.

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

g) A letter from Quaker ~~House~~ Youth Pilgrimage was passed to Irma Simon who will see that those High school juniors and seniors who are qualified see it.

Cemetery

Margaret Cates reported for the Cemetery Committee. Mrs Grat will pay $100 directly and Maxine will send her a bill. Dick Jerolman, constable, will look up the other family who have moved.

Chain of Prayer

Chain of Prayer - Eleanor Wilson read the response to our letter. We were assigned Jan 2. with two other meetings. We will have meeting for worship, and carry this concern in our thoughts throughout the day.

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A letter from Kara Cole of FUM explaining the role of the contact person was presented.

Me. Peace Comm.

George Keller spoke about the fund raising efforts of the Maine Peace Committee of AFSC; they have a goal of $8,000 which will be used to keep Debbie Hibbard in Maine as Peace Educator. 50% of the money individuals contribute goes to the Maine Peace Committee and 50% goes to the AFSC general fund. If, as a meeting, we undertook a special project, all the money raised would stay in Maine. Joann Austin mentioned an idea of Chosteau Chapin's of enacting "Ferdinand the Bull". She will pursue this further. The Finance Committee will discuss a possible donation from the meeting to AFSC.

Nom. Comm.

A Nominating Committee was set up of Malvena Robbins, Ben Cates and Joann Austin. They were reminded that we have the 3-year rotation schedule to work with.

Eleanor Wilson ordered a copy of Faith and Practice for the meeting for $4.36. She will be reimbursed.

Esther Holt will come in this week to work on the library.

YM Finance

Ben Cates read a letter from Doris Ashley, head of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, saying that, despite efforts to the contrary, the budget keeps increasing. We should review our contribution.

Supper for Oak Grove

Paul Cates reported on a very successful supper for Oak Grove; $517 was raised, including a $75 donation from the Grange in the form of a lowered fee.

Paul Cates also asked if he could clear the cemetery extension area of its dead elm trees, keeping the wood.

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The meeting approved, and Paul encouraged others to join him.

Christmas comm. At the suggestion of Edna Cates, a Christmas Committee was set up, including Irma Simon, Peter Garrett, Joann Austin and Paul, Effie and Edna Cates.

Joann Austin membership Joann Austin reported that Baltimore Monthly Meeting had agreed to transfer her membership here. They are slow to write, but we welcomed her without official word.

After some moments of silent worship the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Haines,
Recording Clerk

December 12, 1982

Vassalboro monthly meeting was opened by Clerk Eleanor Wilson at 11.35 am on December 12th. Following readings of the First Query and Advice, there was a period of silent worship.

The report of the recording clerk was accepted following a discussion of AFSC contributions. Irma Simon will look further into how money will be divided between the Maine Peace Committee and AFSC.

Treasurer Treasurer's report:

Cash on Hand	$0.00
Checking Act.	103.92
Savings Act	485.31
Total	$589.23

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Bills paid recently:	Yearly meeting	$350.00
	8 "Fruit of the Vine" Subscr.	30.72
	Grter Wtvl Council Churches	2.50
	CMP Co	12.76
	Faith and Practice Book	4.36

Gerald Robbins also reported receiving a Thank you note from Bill Bryan and family for the $25 contribution we sent to the Cancer and Tumor Clinic of EMMC in memory of Margaret Bryan. He also sent a copy of the eulogy prayer which was read. A bill has been sent to Mrs. Grut for $100 for repair of the cemetery stones. Our large savings certificate came due and Gerald Robbins renewed it for 2½ years.

Christmas Comm.

Peter Garrett reported for the Christmas Committee. Next Sunday (Dec. 19) the tree will be decorated during the Sunday School hour. Meeting will be at 10 am and will begin with only one carol - "Silent Night". After the worship hour there will be more carols interspersed with readings from the Bible. Then we will share a meal and a birthday party (for Jesus). Gifts may be brought from anyone and for anyone in the wider community who seems to have need.

Horner

Mike Yates brought up the problem of Richard Horner and the possibility that he might interfer with Yates' celebration next week. Mike wanted him stopped from coming, but there was no concensus on this. Irma Simon reported on a conversation she had had with Horner's wife suggesting that they go to a different meeting. She felt this got nowhere. Annette said the courts probably

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would not stop him from coming because he does not harrass her anywhere else.

FGC direct. for Travel. Friends

Correspondence: a) The FGC Directory for Travelling Friends sent a form to fill out if you wish to be listed in the directory. Also FGC is asking for children's program staff people for Slippery Rock.

b) Beacon Hill Friends House requested money. We have given, but not recently. This is referred in Financ

The matter of an AFSC fund-raiser will be taken up next month.

Ben Cates said we would probably raise our meeting contribution to Yearly meeting.

Millie Keller memorial service

He also reported on the memorial service for Millie Keller which was held December 11. It was a beautiful service filled with a very real sense of the Presence of God. Margaret Cates said 150 people signed the book and others present did not sign. As a memoriam from the meeting members may send contributions to Maxine Robbins and she will send the total amount to ALS society. A card will be sent to George Keller, from the meeting

Quarterly mtg.

Quarterly meeting will be held here on Feb. 5th. Maxine Robbins and the Hospitality committee will work on a meal. For a program Eleanor Wilson will write Margaret and Dave Douglass to see if they could talk on the FWCC Triennial meeting in Africa this year. If they cannot, perhaps some one else could. Irma Simon reported That Benny Ewell would like to talk briefly to the group.

Elisabeth Cates said that Action on Conciliation, a German peace group based in Washington, D.C. has a slide show which would show the German attitude toward the Peace movement. If it is good, it might be an interesting program.

Ger. Peace movement

Randy Cates Randy Cates will show slides and tell about his experiences in Africa at the Garrett's the evening of Dec. 26.

The Nominating Committee has not met.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan E. Haines
Recording Clerk

January 9, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting gathered for meeting for Business on January 9, 1983 at 11:30 a.m. Clerk Eleanor Wilson read the eleventh query on meeting for worship and there followed silent worship.

Treas. The treasurer reported:

Cash on hand:	0.00
Checking acct.	159.00
Savings acct.	475.31
	644.31

Bills paid recently:

3 Fruit of the Vine	$11.52
167 gals. oil at 1.167	194.87
Richard Jerolman	20 —

CM Power	23.73
ALS Society Millie Keller	25.00
Water	13.50
Esther Holt Library	7.77
	$677.11

Fruit of the loom

Subscriptions to "Fruit of the Vine" went to R. Kent, L. Haslam, G. Cates, H. McCandless, G. Keller, Malvena Robbins, R. Weeks, R. Wilson, J. Brown, A. Taylor, and E. Weed. George Keller has reimbursed us the $20 paid to Richard Jerolman.

OGSC letter

Correspondence a) A letter from George Keller thanking us for support during Millie's illness and the Memorial Service; b) From Oak Grove Coburn praising Quakers for their contributions to their fund-raising efforts, and to inform us of the Quaker presence at the school. This was from Paul Cates as head of the corporators. There was also a newsletter which was posted.

Qtrly Mtg. plans

Quarterly Meeting - The Hospitality Committee is working on a meal. Ministry and Counsel decided not to ask the Douglasses because of the possibility of bad weather, and to ask Tom Ewell to coordinate a panel on ministry. This would be a follow-up to last Quarterly Meeting. We will try to arrange something with Douglasses some other time

Irma Simon presented four items: A) She had talked to Denny Ewell who would like to talk to the Quarter about the Interfaith Action Network of Maine. B) She had a letter from FCNL asking for contributions to develop an education fund branch. Such contributions would be tax deductible. This was referred to the Budget Committee. C) She had an "Invert" newsletter; this is a clearinghouse for organizations throughout the State working on varied projects. They are developing "yellow-pages" - a directory of groups working on peace and social concerns. Jim Ramsey volunteered to have his name listed for our meeting. D) Irma had also talked with Chonteau Chapin about a fund raising event for AFSC. All of such money would stay in Maine whereas personal contributions are split 50-50 between the Maine Peace Program and AFSC. Irma will gather some people to plan some event, perhaps Chonteau, Robin, Joann

Several items re. Peace

Joann Austin reported that UNICEF would like to coordinate programs of 1-2 hours on Ghandi to point out how UNICEF carries on his principles. This is done in conjunction with the movie which is about to come out on Ghandi.

Joann will pursue this.

Susan Morris reported on a Young Friend's Retreat to be held in Portland on Saturday, March 26. She would be happy to take area Young Friends. There will be another retreat at Friends Camp in May.

The nominating committee presented its report and it was discussed but not approved as it had a few gaps.

Statistical Committee

The Statistical Committee will continue to be William Haslam, though Sue Haines has the records while William is in Florida.

George Keller said that there are to be two retreats at Powell House - on dialogue and healing - to one of which he might go. He would like to take any one who might want to go.

The newspaper still lists the meeting time as 9 am; George will have that changed. The name listed will be changed from Annette Yates to Sue Haines who is now Clerk.

Meeting concluded with silent worship at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Susan E. Haines
Recording Clerk

February 13, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting gathered for meeting for business February 13, 1983 at 11:30 and beginning with silence after a reading of the third query by Susan Hawes, Clerk.

Minutes

Minutes of the January 9th meeting were approved as read by recording clerk, George R. Keller with one correction - that the nominating report not fully completed at that time be approved with the meeting recognizing that further additions would be made.

Treas. report

Jerry Robbins presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Savings account	484.79
Checking account	371.95
	$ 856.74

Bills paid

Central Me. Power	$ 29.14
Christmas gifts-children	26.00
AFSC (SS Collection)	20.00
	$ 75.14
In memory of Lillian Holam Donated to date	$ 448.00

The clerk reported on correspondence from Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, and the Friends Music Institute that may be distributed among Friends.

Statistical clerk

After consideration of a new statistical clerk to replace the late Lillian Haslam, the meeting approved asking Edna Cates. Ben suggested that Edna be asked to serve temporarily until the membership is updated, then as Malvena Robbins to serve in that capacity. Approved.

Cemetary lots

Two matters were discussed recently by the property committee;

1) Rates for burial in the Meeting Cemetary which are proposed to be:

Members - no cost for lot
perpetual care - single lot $50
double lot 100
4 grave lot - 200
(Arrangements can be made for payment by members over a period of time)

Non-members - In general lots are restricted to members. Certain non-members under special circumstances may be allowed a lot when approved by the Monthly Meeting (or a committee designated by the Monthly Meeting)

Cost to non-members

	Total	Gen'l Fund	Perp. Care
Single grave	$100	$50	$50
2 grave lot	200	100	100
4 grave lot	400	200	200

The proposed rates were approved.

DR Wall repair

2. Repairing and insulating the north and west wall of the dining room which would cost around $1000 for materials and labor. The treasurer indicated that sufficient funds are available. Approved

Irma Simon's concerns

Irma Simon raised a question about changing the curtains behind the facing benches. After discussion it was approved to ask Irma and Joann Austin to look into this matter.

Plans for State of Society Report

George Keller as clerk of ministry and counsel talked about his and Annette Yates' meeting with Irma about her letter, and that ministry and counsel is seeking further answers to her concerns. He also indicated that the committee will meet after meeting for worship on March 6. The committee will also be working on a state of the society report by using queries from the newly revised Faith and Practice. Other members of the meeting are encouraged to respond but the clerk would appreciate their request for a copy of the queries.

It was noted the Vassalboro served as host to Quarterly Meeting February 5 and served 65 persons for lunch.

Lillian Haslam Fund

The funeral service for Lillian Haslam was held January 25 at the meetinghouse. The family has approved of contributions given in Lillian's memory be used in whatever way the meeting feels appropriate.

Plans for Peace Benefit

Irma Sinford reported on plans for the Friendly Cabaret on April 16, a talent show and possible meal for the benefit of the Maine Peace Committee. Questions were raised about the need for a meal and that matter will be tabled until the next meeting until more members can discuss the matter and feel clear about arranging to serve one.

The being no other business, the meeting was brought to a close with silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Secretary

March 13, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for business March 13, 1983 at 11:30 am beginning with silence during which the fourth query was read by Susan Haines, clerk.

Minutes of the February 13th meeting were read by recording clerk George Keller with one correction, that the letter of Irma Simons be referred to as a concern instead of letter.

Jerry Robbins presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Treas' report

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Checking account	676.53
Savings account	494.70
	$ 1171.32
Lillian Haslam Fund	$518
Bills paid recently	
2/15 Oil	$ 92.66
2/20 Ben Cates (labor)	200.-
2/28 CMP	35.05
3/4 McCormack (bldg. sup)	273.36
	$ 601.07

He also distributed copies of the auditor's report and the 1983 budget, the first of which was approved and the second with these modifications: that the contribution to NEYM be increased to $1,600 and building repairs to $1,500.

auditor's report

Correspondence from several sources was received, one being a personal letter from Joyce Day thanking the meeting for its contribution to the Lillian Haslam Memorial Fund and the arrangement for

Lillian's funeral service.

correspondence

Friends were reminded of the Orono Meeting retreat at the Baptist Center March 25-26; were also asked to consider a visit by Ann Collins and Ken Perkins who have a concern about tax funds. The request from Diocesan Bureau about transportation for the elderly may apply less to Vassalboro than larger communities in the Waterville area.

A contribution of $20 to Plowshares Pilgrimage was approved as a symbol of support for Luke Hill of Waterville who is spending his summer with some Columbia and other college students on a peace march.

Approved plans for Easter will include breakfast, arrangements to be made by Ben Cates, and special music through the music committee.

Roll call letter planned

A roll call letter will be written by Marian Ferguson, Effie and Margaret Cates, and Malvena Robbins.

Memorials

Memorials approved by Ministry and Counsel for Lillian Haslam and Minnie Keller were approved with copies to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting.

Due to conflicts in the regular meeting time, the April business meeting will be held on the 17th. There being no other business, the meeting was brought to a close with silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk

April 17, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for business April 17, 1983 at 12;20 am beginning with a reading of the 5th query regarding outreach. A period of silence followed.

Minutes of the March 13, 1983 business meeting were read and approved.

Treas. report

The treasurer's report was read as follows:

Cash on hand	$91.18
Checking account	33.83
Savings account	494.79
	$619.80
Bills paid recently	
Yearly Meeting	$400.00
Plowshares Pilgrimage	20.00
Insurance	110.00
Wallpaper	15.71
Building project	698.97
Treasurer's book	7.90
	$1252.58
Income Outstanding:	
Friendly Circle	$467.77
Lilliam Haslam Fund	538.00
Educational Fund	372.47

The treasurer's report was approved but there was a discussion on how the interest of the educational fund could be used. Members present felt the property and finance committee might consider applicants with preference given to members.

Re. Haslam Fund

As to the Haslam memorial funds, Joyce Day, her daughter suggested one option might be seat cushions. Several members suggested a rug, and one other, a stove. Referring the matter to the property and finance committee to explore was approved.

Curtains

Irma Simon offered a sample of material for curtains and after consideration the matter of selection was referred to a subcommittee of Irma, Marian Ferguson, and Joann Austin whose decision will be passed on to the property and finance committee for approval.

1/2 fee China campers

The meeting approved of continuing paying half of China camp fees for members' children interesting in attending.

Correspondence for which consideration was given included:

Request for contribution to the Meeting School—tabled

AFSC - will wait until a request from Maine Peace Committee regarding specific requests
Luke Hill - thanking Meeting for contribution to Pilgrimage Plowshares
NEYM Peace Tax Fund - no interest indicated at this time

Family Fun Nite

Family Fun Night resulted in a profit, the exact amount not determined until all proceeds are in. Irma Simon thanked all who worked so hard to make this benefit for the Maine Peace Program AFSC a success.

The roll call letter was approved as well as a memorial minute for Helen Cates Wyman with a few minor corrections to be made by Edna Cates

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting May 7 at West Bath - Susan Morris, Shel. Harmes, Marion Ferguson, and Edna Cates were approved.

Requests from China Camp

Susan Morris' request for the Meeting's blackboard for China Camp was granted; also the use of the Meetinghouse on rainy overnights when needed

Edna Cates asked that the Meetinghouse be opened Thursday evening starting April 21 for worship sharing, discussion, or whatever might be appropriate. Approved

Irma Simon read letters of concern about peace from AFSC.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a period of silence.

George R. Keller
Recording clerk

May 8, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was called to order with eight members in attendance at 12:30 am on May 8, 1983 by reading the sixth query on personal conduct. There followed silent worship.

The recording clerk's report was read and approved with two clarifications:

1) The Family Fun Night was held to benefit the Maine Peace Committee of AFSC;

Education Fund

2) Any meeting member child can apply for up to $50 from the Education Fund. The entire fund can be used except the original $50 and, when it gets low, the meeting might replenish it. Application would be to the treasurer who with the clerk and recording clerk would apportion the money.

Report of the Treasurer

Cash on hand	$50
Checking acct	214.91
Savings	494.79
	$759.70

Treas: report

Bills paid recently

6 books for SS	$17.70
Snowplowing	68.00
Water	13.50
CMP	23.41
	$ 122.61

$200 was received from the Family Fun Night and deposited in our savings acct. at Kennebec Federal Savings and Loan

FUM request

Correspondence; a) Approved sending $50 to the Equalization Fund of Yearly Meeting b) Request for money from FUM. Turned over to Property and Finance Committee. It was felt that we contribute through our Yearly Meeting contribution. Joann Austin said that YM is changing its proportion of giving to FUM and FGC decreasing the amount to FUM, so they are looking elsewhere.

The request from the Meeting School was turned over to Property and Finance

Ewell visit

Sue Haines reported that Tom Ewell, YM Field Secretary would like to visit us on May 29. It was approved to welcome him for meeting for worship, a break and short talk introducing himself.

Re: carpet

There was a discussion of the purchase of carpet for the Meeting House floor. There is some $1000 from the Haslam Fund and Friendly Circle. No further action taken.

Qtr Mtg dates

Quarterly Meeting - Held May 7 at Dam Cove Lodge in West Bath, 12 from Vassalboro attended. The subject of the program - nuclear disarmament - was spoken to in worship this morning. Future Quarterly Meetings will be in S. China in August 1983 and 4 and Winthrop/Pond Town in May 1984

Respectfully submitted
Susan E. Haines, Clerk

June 12, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting gathered for business June 12, 1983 at 10:30 am beginning with silence during which the seventh query pertaining to home and family was read by Susan Haines, Clerk.

Minutes of the May 9th meeting were read by George R. Keller, recording clerk and one correction was noted - Maine Peace Program instead of Committee. Approved.

The following treasurer's report was given by Maxine Robbins, assistant treasurer:

Treas. report

Cash on hand	$ 60.50
Checking acct.	520.35
Savings acct.	494.79
	$1075.64

Bills paid recently

Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	$50
AMP	17.71
	$67.71

Bills to be paid soon

Yearly Meeting	$400
China Camp Scholarships	?

Note: Oil tank almost empty - expect to order 200 gallons when the price is right

Report was approved.

Friends Council on Education letter

The clerk read several items of correspondence from 1) Friends Council on Education including a) Report b) Questionnaire - Paul and Margaret Cates to complete and return c) Request for funds - referred to Property and Finance Committee 3) David Douglas, clerk of NEYM Executive Council regarding changes in the membership of the Permanent Board, Ministry and Counsel, Finance, Peace and Social Concerns and the Nominating Committees. Members asked that some copies be Xeroxed to be distributed for study before approving at the July meeting 4) A letter from Danny Morris thanking the meeting for remembering him during the period of his father's death 5) A letter from Baltimore Monthly Meeting certifying to the transfer of Joann Austin's membership, This was approved assuming that Joann's membership be also accepted 6) Susan Haines indicated

Re changes in NEYM committees

Joann Austin's membership

that requests for aid from the Equalization Fund are being accepted by the Clerk

New England Yearly Meeting is requesting names for the following committees: Finance - Ben Cates was approved; Ministry and Counsel - Edna Cates approved; Nominating - Margaret Cates approved; and Peace and Social Concerns - Irma Simon approved.

NEYM Committees

The meeting picnic will be held at the home of Robert and Eleanor Wilson on July 24 with a rain date of July 31.

Mtg. picnic

Material for Demand Response, a transportation program for the elderly and handicapped will be posted on the bulletin board.

It was announced that Emily Simon and Shirley Robbins are graduating from Oak Grove-Coburn and the meeting approved to send cards to these Young Friends.

Emily & Shirley grad. from OGC

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk

July 10, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting for business gathered at 11:30 am on July 10, 1983. Susan Haines read the eighth query on children during the period of silent worship.

The report of the recording clerk was read and approved.

Treas. Report

The treasurer's report was read:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking acct	12.43
Savings	494.79
	$507.22

Bills paid recently:

Quaker Hill bookstore	$55.29
China Camp (3)	270.00
Yearly Meeting	400.00
	$725.00

Quarterly Meeting will be August 6th at Pond Meeting House at China Camp. Representatives are Malvena Robbins and Margaret Cates

Dottie Albright to Mid Coast

Susan Haines read a letter from Dottie Albright requesting that their membership be transferred to Mid-Coast Meeting. Susan will take care of this.

Joe Lippincott Letter

Margaret Cates read a letter she had received from Joe Lippincott (former minister) saying he would like to join us for worship on July 24 and share a message ~~from~~ for Friends on the new age of peace. He would also be happy to share his pictures and experiences in Kenya last summer. He will be invited to do so at the picnic at Wilson's — or after meeting if it rains. Margaret Cates will make the arrangements.

The Yates – Horner situation arose

Concern about Yates-Horner

again and was discussed at some length. Mike and Annette Yates and Richard Horner came to meeting today. Richard stayed in the parking lot by Irma Simon and Joann Austin. Joann reported on a good and hopefully constructive conversation with him. Apparently his concern was to see his daughter who has refused to see him. We agreed that Joann had done the right thing, and that we can see no specific action now. We will be supportive of the Yates and hope that there can be some reconciliation between LeeAnn Horner and her father.

Eleanor Wilson reported that the Quarterly Meeting Visitation Committee will meet here next Sunday (July 17) after Meeting.

We closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Haines, Clerk
August 14, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on August 17, 1983 following Meeting for Worship. During silent worship Clerk Susan Haines read the ninth query on stewardship.

The report of the recording clerk was approved with a couple of word changes.

Treas. Rpt.

The treasurer's report:

Cash on hand	$20.00	Bills pd.	CMP	$14.82
Chkeng acct	464.94		Water	13.50
Savings "	494.79		Oil	187.80
	$979.73			$216.12

Lillian Haslam Fund

Another donation of $50 was received in memory of Lillian Haslam. The Fund now totals $578.00 which is included in the above $979.73. Lillian's daughter asked if we had decided how we are planning to use the money. We mentioned several possibilities but made no decisions.

There was some concern that the treasury is low. We will as Property and Finance to meet and discuss this. We will also bring it up next month - with the possibility of a fund raising event.

Joann Austin announced several workshops coming up this fall. One on Friends and anger might be held here on October 15. The Meeting House would be available.

Correspondence

Correspondence: 1) FUM has sent much literature to help us celebrate "FUM Sunday". Joann Austin will try to put something together, perhaps trying to work in also their request for financial help. 2) Friends Journal sent word of two special offers one for visitors and attenders and one for students away at school. We decided to order subscriptions for any of our students who wanted to get Friends Journal, Sue Hames will check with those students. 3) Joann Austin asked the Meeting if they would help with Tarn's Yearly Meeting expenses since he was not able to go to China Camp. She asked for #70 and the Meeting approved. 4) A group of people on a "Peace Caravan" had requested money. This was turned over to Property and Finance. 5) Susan Morris asked for a Letter of Introduction for their family as they are moving to Indiana. Susan Hawes will take care of this.

Joann Austin said that Religious Education will meet next Sunday after Meeting.

Need for building improvements

Susan Hawes expressed concern about the condition of the nursery room. It was agreed that something needs to be done, but Ben Cates pointed out that the roof needs to be worked on first.

Margaret Cates wondered if Kent Larrabee could speak in this area. He spoke frequently at Yearly Meeting on his walk to Moscow. Possibly Laity and Clergy Concerned would sponsor this. Margaret will speak to George Keller about it.

Margaret Cates also asked if we make a greater effort to have people sign up to be in charge of Meeting. Susan

Need to sign-up for meetings

Haines will be in touch with George Keller to have Ministry and Counsel discuss this. We passed the sign-up sheet around. The possibility of greeters was also brought up. Perhaps we should redefine the "leader's" responsibilities.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Haines, Clerk

September 11, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on Sept. 11, 1983 following meeting for Worship. Clerk Susan Haines read the 10th query on vocations following which were some minutes of silent worship.

The report of the recording clerk was read and approved.

Treas. report

The treasurer's report:

Cash on hand	$0.00
Checking account	698.72
Savings account	494.79

This includes the Lillian Haslam Fund of $576

The AFSC Supper Fund of $200 is in the Kennebec Federal Savings and Loan

Bills to be paid soon: In October

Yearly Meeting	$400	Insurance	$106
Cemetary Fund	50	CMP	15
FJ Subscription	25.50	Sun. School	85
	$475.50		$206

There was some discussion of the amount of money to be contributed toward the cemetery mowing. We gave $100 last year and decided to do the same this year.

Correspondence: a) Frank Ortloff wrote to inform us that Carl and Dottie Albright have been recorded as members of Mid-Coast meeting; b) Evie Hoffman asked to use the Meeting House Saturday, October 15 from 9-4:30 for a gathering of the Women's Spirituality Group. We agreed she could. c) Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel is republishing "Living With Oneself and Others" and adding a new section on aging. They would like our suggestions.

Report from Property and Finance - Margaret Cates reported that they had set priorities for giving - our meeting, Yearly Meeting, and youth (China Camp, etc.). Since our funds are low now, they did not appropriate money to any other requests.

Meeting finances low

This prompted a discussion of our financial situation. Gerry Robbins, Treasurer handed out a financial statement showing our income for this year is down. Some suggestions to raise money were a non-supper and just making people aware of the facts. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to all members apprasing them of the situation.

We discussed holding a pot luck supper/ Halloween Party, Margaret Cates will see if the High School Sunday school class will arrange entertainment, and Sue Haines will inform Edna Cates (Hospitality) about the supper.

Halloween party supper

Religious Education - The committee had met and set up four classes - adult, high school, older elementary and younger elementary. We hope to start October 2 at 9 am when meeting time changes to 10.

Paul Cates asked if we could sit closer to the center of the Meeting House using all sections of benches. Marion Ferguson suggested putting the benches in a square. We decided first to encourage people to move closer, and wait before moving benches.

We closed with some moments of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted
Susan E. Haines, Clerk
October 9, 1983

Vassalboro Meeting of Friends gathered for business October 9, 1983 at 11:30 am beginning with a period of silence after which the 11th query was read which raised questions on respecting every individual and accepting responsibilities. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was also approved, reading as follows;

Treas. Report

Oct. 9	Cash on hand	$ 0.00
	Checking acct	369.38
	Savings bank	494.79
		864.17
	Lillian Haskell Fund	- 578.00
		$286.17

Bills paid this month

3 F.J Subscriptions	$ 25.50
Cemetery Fund	100.00
Yearly Meeting	400.00
Oil	39.38
Insurance	110.00
CMP	10.36
Water	13.50
	$698.74

Possible expenses next month - Sunday School materials, CMP. Income this month $371.90

Need for funds ltr

Susan Haines, clerk, read the draft of a fund raising letter written in response to last month's report of a potential deficit. Members present approved with addition and that it be sent to all who received the roll call letter each year.

A letter from the Friends Insurance Group was referred to Gerald and Maxine Robbins.

Instead of planning a Halloween Party as earlier suggested, a pot luck after the November business meeting was approved. Also approved was the appointment of Robert and Eleanor Wilson, Margaret Cates, Joann Austin, and George Keller as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Bangor November 5.

Malvena Robbins Statistical Clerk

Malvena Robbins was appointed statistical clerk. As ministry and counsel clerk, George Keller requested that members sign up for weekly meeting worship responsibility.

Edna Cates read the minutes regarding family life and sexuality approved by Yearly Meeting which was discussed.

Custodial help

The problems of regulating heat and cleaning of the Meeting House as well as use of the little room were discussed; also as to whether volunteer janitorial help is sufficient - referred to property and finance committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a period of silence.

George P. Keller, Recording Clerk

November 12, 1983

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting for Business opened with silent worship during which time Susan Haines, clerk, read the twelfth query on peace and reconciliation.

The report of the recording clerk was read and approved.

The treasurer's report:

Treas. report

Cash on hand	$00.00
Checking acct	135.68
Savings "	494.77
	$730.45
Lilliam H. Fund	578 -
	$1308.45

Bills paid recently:	
Sun. School materials	$91.84
CMP	18.20
	$110.04
Bills to be paid	
Yearly Meeting	$400
Quarterly Meeting	50
Quaker Life sub	8
	$458

There have been two replies from our letter asking for donations, each with a check for $50. Maxine Robbins will write to thank these people.

How to see Woods, Formans

A desire was expressed to get together with the Woods and the Formans. Paul Cates will contact the Woods to see if they would like to have us come up for possibly worship and a pot-luck. Edna Cates will call Formans about a house-warming or something. She will also discuss possible childcare arrangements.

Draft registering

On reflection of the query Peter Garrett was concerned about our students who will have to be faced with registering - or not - for the draft. He will contact Jim Ramsey and the Peace and Social Justice Committee. They will be in touch with Dale Hanson at Oak Grove-Coburn, possibly with a poster and leaflets.

Correspondence: a) Chain of prayer - The Quarterly Meeting is going to have a day for all the meetings to share; b) Linda Gark asking if we knew of a baby for adoption. No response; c) Earlham School of Religion is looking for possible students; d) Plowshares Pilgrimage sent us a newsletter and request for money. We chose not to donate; e) A request from Pendle Hill was turned over to the Finance Committee; f) A thank you note from Teague Morris for Friends Journal was read; g) Catalogues from the Quaker Hill Bookstore were handed out.

Re Quarterly Meeting

Joann Austin reported on a very interesting program at Quarterly Meeting. Two people who are active with Witness for Peace spoke of their trip and witness on the Nicaraguan-Honduras border. The Quarterly meeting approved a minute to support this witness. There was concern to hold Quarterly Meeting north of Bangor.

Preliminary plans for Christmas celebrations were discussed - Garretts invited everyone to their house for a party Thursday, December 22. Religious education will plan some program for Sunday, Dec. 18, in connection with the meeting.

Edna Cates reported that Ralph Green would like to visit us sometime. She will invite him to join us for worship and we will have refreshments afterwards.

We concluded with some minutes of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted
Susan E. Haines, Clerk
December 11, 1983

No December business meeting

After meeting for worship December 11, 1983 Vassalboro Friends approved of postponing whatever business and concerns, none deemed urgent, to meeting for business January 8, 1984

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk
January 8, 1984

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held January 8, 1984 following meeting for Worship. After the reading of the first query on spiritual life and a period of silence a minute of the postponed business in December 11, 1983 was approved. Minutes of the business meeting held November 11, 1983 were also approved.

The following treasurer's report was ('12/11/83 report also included) approved:

Dec. treas report

December 11, 1983

Cash on hand	$ 0.00
Checking account	410.95
Savings account	494.79
	- 955.74
Lillian's Fund	578.00
	$ 377.74

Bills paid

Quaker Life subscription	$8.00
10 Fruit of the Vine "	38.40
Quarterly Meeting Donation	50 –
Central Maine Power	15.16
Sunday School supplies	13.79
Yearly Meeting	400 –
Benjamin Cates	102.50
	$627.85

Outstanding bills
Central Maine Power Oil

January 8, 1984

Jan. treas. report

Cash on hand	$10.00
Checking acct.	203.24
Savings acct	523.16
	$736.40

Additional bills paid

CMP	$26.72
Oil	70.33
	$97.05

Special Collection – Oxfam America $51

Questions related to the report will be directed to the Treasurer at the next meeting. Members approved.

Correspondence outlined or read by the Clerk referred to:

NEYM Finance Committee requesting the meeting's intentions to contribute

NEYM general memo and one from Archives curator including an offer to visit Meeting

Alan Cooper, First Baptist pastor re. a players group needing extra play dates

Beacon Hill Friends House requesting funds-

re referred to Margaret Cates
Woolman Hill also requesting funds
and listing conferences
Friends General Conference with
FGC dates 6/30 - 7/7/84

Re Michael Birkel's membership

Notice of Removal of Michel Birkel from Clear Creek Meeting (IN) was received and approved as accepted with the Meeting requesting the clerk to write Clear Creek asking for clarification and the intention of the notice while expressing Vassalboro's in Michael's being accepted as a member of Vassalboro Meeting.

Letter from N. Fairfield Meeting with revised statement of their concern — to be discussed at an open meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel January 22, 1984.

Quarterly Meeting representatives were approved: Edna Cates, Sue Haines, Robert Wilson.

Nominating committee approved: Eleanor Wilson, Malvena Robbins, Ann Edmundsen, James Ramsey

To add asst. rec. clerk

Also approved of adding an assistant recording clerk and presenting the nominating report at the May meeting to coordinate with report to NEYM

Approved Edna Cates, Margaret Cates, and Jeann Austin as ad hoc committee to deal with memorial funds for Lillian Haslam.

Encouraged parents to resolve matter of babysitting for small children during meetings for worship.

Emily Simon's plans to marry

Letter from Emily Simon was read announcing her marriage at Sacred Heart Church July 7, 1984 and asking for a combined ceremony and for the support and guidance of the meeting. The Meeting approved appointing a clearness committee to decide on whether the meeting is comfortable on approving their marriage: Ben and Edna Cates, Paul Cates, and George Keller.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with a period of silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk

February 12, 1984

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held February 12, 1984 following Meeting for Worship. After the reading of the second query on worship and a period of silence, minutes of the January business meeting were read and approved with one minor change. On clarification of the notice from Clear Creek Meeting regarding Michael Birkel; Vassalboro Meeting approved of accepting Michael as a member.

Michael Birkel's a member

The following treasurer's report was read and approved:

Treas report

Feb. 12, 1984

Cash on hand	$ —
Checking acct.	413.23
Saving acct.	523.16
	$936.39

Bills paid recently

Water	$13.50
CMP	40.87
AFSC Me. Peace	200.00
	254.37

In March to be paid

Yearly Meeting	$400
Insurance	110
	$510

1983 Finances

The financial statement of the 1983 calendar year was also read and approved. Questions were raised on various items and discussed by Jerry Robbins, treasurer. The meeting also commended Jerry for such a comprehensive report. The Finance committee plans to meet and consider increasing the meeting's share to New England Yearly Meeting.

Correspondence included:

Friends United Meeting regarding personal expenses and another letter citing their deficit;

NEYM Ministry and Counsel about starting a counseling service — referred to local Ministry and

Counsel.

Use of Lillian Haslam Fund

The ad hoc committee reported on their consideration of the appropriate use of funds contributed in Lillian Haslam's memory, suggesting three options:

1) Cushions for the benches;
2) Carpet for the Meeting House;
3) Refurbishing the library - books and shelves

Carpet

Library

The meeting approved of the Committee's proceeding with the purchase of the Carpet (costing $1,450 - $1,500 with installation) under the finance committee's guidance. Members present also approved of using the Haslam funds primarily for the library and a committee was appointed for this project: Maxine Robbins, Eleanor Wilson, Michael Birkel, Esther Holt, and George Keller.

A letter from NEYM Ministry and Counsel requesting a State of Society report was referred to Vassalboro Ministry and Counsel which plans to meet February 19.

Chain of Prayer

The Chain of Prayer communication asked for volunteers March 15 and several members responded for different hours and the Meeting approved of meeting that evening from 7-8 pm.

Irma Simon spoke about "chain of peace vigils" around the world April 4, and pending legislation to help ADC families where the husband is living at home.

Friends United Meeting Triennial will be held June 12-18 and Susan Haines, clerk has program information.

Group to study early Xn history

Paul Cates expressed a need for a study group to explore the history of early Christianity and invite other meetings to join. It was suggested that Paul, Sue, and Michael plan the details.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with a period of silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk

March 11, 1984

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held March 11, 1984 following Meeting for Worship. After the reading of the 4th query dealing with Relationships with others and a period of silence, minutes of the February business meeting were read and approved.

Jerry Robbins gave the following Treasurer's report:

Cash on hand $715,16
Checking account $
Savings bank 523,16
1,238,32

Out of Bills paid:
Council of Churches $2.50
CMP 40.41
$42.91

To pay
Yearly Meeting $450
R.I. 90,2

The report was approved.

1974 budget

Jerry also presented the 1974 budget as approved by the Finance Committee. With the understanding to increase Equalization Fund to $100 and decrease Other to $425, the meeting approved.

Interest in Russian trip

A newsletter from Clergy and Laity Concerned noted the need for persons to form a group traveling to Russia. Peter Garrett expressed an interest and the recording clerk will write to Tom Ewell of NEYM supporting Peter's concern to further Friends peace testimony by being seriously considered as a member of the group. A copy will be sent to Michael Caldwell.

Correspondence received by Sue Haynes, clerk included:

Information about ADC help for families which includes the husband
Pendle Hill announcement of retreats
Waterville Council of Churches meeting at which a prominent theologian will speak
NEYM workshops sponsored by Ministry and Counsel
Friends Journal

Carpet approved

Margaret Cates displayed carpet samples and members approved of one.

Members were reminded of the Chain of Prayer Meeting March 15 at the Meetinghouse at 7PM - also a study group beginning March 22.

Ben Cates reported that the Clearness

Emily Simon marriage

Committee after meeting with Emily Simon and Russell Paulsen had approved of Emily's request for offering help and guidance in preparation for their marriage.

State of Society report approved

Whether there should be a roll call letter was referred to Ministry and Counsel and the Meeting also approved of the State of Society report with minor changes - copies to be sent to Jean Austin, QM Clerk, Tracy Booth, Clerk of NEYM Ministry and Counsel, and Tom Ewell, NEYM Field Secretary.

There being no other business, Meeting was closed after a period of silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk
April 8, 1984

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held April 8, 1984 following Meeting for Worship. After the reading of the third query re. individual and corporate responsibility there was a period of silence. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Gerald Robbins presented the treasurer's report which was approved:

Cash on hand	$ —
Checking acct.	166.35
Savings acct.	533.16
	$699.51

Paid were: QM $90.21, NEYM $4.50, Insurance rug paid for

$115, CMP $33.64, Ben Cates for labor $115, Water $13.50 and the rug $1641.00; total $2459.13 and Sunday-school material $9.50. He also read an accounts report dated April 1 1984, also approved.

Peter Garrett explained the outcome of "Bridges For Peace", international plan with the Soviets and that not enough room was available for him to join the group this year but he has expressed an interest for another year.

Constance M. Wilson

A letter was received from Constance M. Wilson indicating her interest in continuing as a member of the meeting.

"Communications also received":

Pendle Hill requesting contributions; members were encouraged to give in light of the priority list of contributions the Meeting Finance committee had developed

Rosalind Wiggins, curator of NEYM Archives who plans to visit during one of her trips to Maine

Friends United Meeting requesting underwriting expenses of a delegate to the Triennial Conference

Susan Haines, clerk, reported on the progress of the Thursday evening Bible Study group; Margaret Cates on the completion of the carpeting; Maxine Robbins on the library committee's interest in building shelves and resorting books, and Irma Simon on peace concerns.

Plans were made for the Easter Sunday breakfast at 8 AM with Ben Cates in charge assisted by the other men of the meeting. Michael Birkel, Susan Haines, Margaret Cates, and Melvina Robbins were approved as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting May 5.

Qtr. Meeting reps.

In a response to a letter from Cobscook Monthly Meeting, Vassalboro Meeting confirmed their approval of the statement suggested earlier by Vassalboro Quarter which included a reaffirmation of the 1660 Quaker statement on peace and an additional reference to nuclear weapons.

Confirmation of 1660 statement

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a period of silence.

George R. Keller
Recording Clerk

May 13, 1984

The May 13, 1984 business meeting of Vassalboro was postponed due to lack of immediate or urgent concerns. The June meeting was held on the 10th after the meeting for worship. Silence followed a reading of the 5th Query on outreach. Minutes of the April 8th meeting were approved.

June 10. meeting

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Cash on hand	$63.00	Bills paid Ben Cates	$300-
Chk. acct	358.79	McCormacks	263.64
Svgs acct	523.16	OXFAM	50-
		CMP	17.23
	$944.95		$630.87
Bal. Lillian Hayden	14.36		
	$ 959.31		

Bills to pay included NEYM \$450, Equalization Fund \$50, Karen Keller LaFollette Award \$100 and Cemetery \$100, totaling \$700.

Correspondence all relating to the need for funds included:

NEYM Finance Committee
Friends United Meeting
Friends World Committee on Consultation
Friends Council on Education
Oak Grove-Coburn School
Greenville, TN re new Community Friends School bldg.

All were referred to the property and finance committee.

A letter from the Friends National Committee on Legislation was also received thanking Vassalboro Meeting for its support.

hina camp requests

Susan Morse requested the use of the Meetinghouse by camp for overnights and possibly other uses which were approved. She asked for work projects which might be addressed by the campers. Approved. She also invited members to camp meeting during the season at 11AM.

Eleanor Wilson read a draft of the roll call letter which was approved after a few changes.

Plans for Emily Simons' marriage

Edna Cates reported on plans for the marriage of Emily Simon and Russell Poulin. She suggested giving a shower for Emily, date to be announced.

Joann Austin reported on a meeting of quarterly meeting clerks in which procedures and concerns were shared.

Thoughts about QM retreat

A Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting retreat at China Camp the weekend of QM was approved but plans need to be discussed with S. China Meeting, host. Appointed to meet with them are Margaret, Ben, and Edna Cates and Joann Austin.

QM NEYM reps.

Quarterly Meeting representatives will be Howard and Marjorie McCandless and Margaret Cates; NEYM representatives Edna Cates, Eleanor Wilson, Joann Austin and Michael Birkel.

Question re: Christian Civic League

A question was raised as to whether the Christian Civic League should continue to be supported because of their stand against ERA. This matter was referred to Ministry and Counsel. Maxine Robbins also cited the need for the library - referred to Property and Finance. A letter from NEYM discussing the purpose and procedures of committees was also read.

Me Peace Committee nominations

In response to a request from the Maine AFSC Peace Committee for nominations, the committee approved of re-nominating Irma Simon and nominating Howard McCandless. After consideration, the nominating report, while incomplete, given by Eleanor Wilson was approved and the committee thanked for their work.

The Meeting also approved of the request by Carol Washburn for use of the building June 30 for a Young Friends gathering. Joanne Austin will assist.

Gwen Halstead's membership

Red Cedar Monthly Meeting of East Lansing, MI wrote indicating that they would release Gwen Halstead from their membership as soon as they received confirmation of her being accepted by Vassalboro Meeting. The Meeting approved of Sue Haines, Clerk, writing about Vassalboro's immediate acceptance of Gwen as a member.

Members present approved of a business meeting in July, but none in August unless needed. There being no further business the Meeting was closed with a period of silence.

George R. Keller
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